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**Cyrus Durey's Gift to the Town of Caroga.**

Development of summer resorts, particularly small colonies of bungalows used as summer homes by residents of the cities, has taken long strides during the past few years, people of all classes taking more and more to the idea of getting out into the country during the warm season and thereby gaining not only the advantage of living more comfortably during the heated period, but also the benefit of better health.

Residents of Johnstown and Gloversville are exceptionally fortunate as compared to those of most other cities of the state from the fact that these communities are located in the foothills of the Adirondacks and consequently within a daily driving radius of some of the most attractive spots which have been provided by Mother Nature.

Of all of these which are easily accessible the Caroga and Canada Lakes section doubtless offers the most to appeal to popular favor. However, this lake section with all its natural advantages has some drawbacks which in the past have hindered its development, or to say at least, have proved an obstacle in increasing its summer population. Many residents of Amsterdam, Schenectady and even Albany and Troy are more or less frequent visitors at the Caroga and Canada Lakes, and while charmed with the natural grandeur of that locality with its beautiful sheets of water and towering mountains, they have refrained from erecting summer homes along or near the lakes because of the lack of certain recreational advantages which obtain in other places. As one of many instances three years ago Governor Miller planned to spend his summer at the lakes until he learned there was no golf course in that vicinity.

That this was fully realized by the permanent residents—the landowners of the lake section—was emphatically demonstrated recently when at a special election the taxpayers voted a bond issue of \$40,000, this sum to be used in the development of a 100-acre tract donated to the town of Caroga by Hon. Cyrus Durey of Green Lake, with the proviso that it be improved by the construction of a golf course and other means of providing recreation for members of the summer colony.

Mr. Durey's proposal having been accepted, the greatest drawback of the lake section has been permanently obviated and without doubt the coming season and those following it will bring an influx of city folks who will purchase lots and build summer homes thereon, thus increasing the value of all property in that section and proving of large financial benefit to the permanent residents of the town.

It was Mr. Durey who conceived this plan of developing the lake section and his generosity in giving to the town the land necessary to carry out the project cannot be too highly commended. It is concrete evidence that he has the interests of his fellow-townsmen at heart and is possessed of a philanthropic turn of mind backed up by deeds instead of words. The people of the town of Caroga in the years to come will have just cause to appreciate to the full what has been done for them by Cyrus Durey.—Gloversville Leader-Republican.

## C. E. DUREY'S GIFT TO CAROGA LAKE

### Tract Will be Opened as a Recreation Park and Golf Course.

A gift of 100 acres of land, including a large wooded section, by Cyrus E. Durey, collector of internal revenue for the northern district at Albany, has provided Caroga lake with a new public beauty spot, which will be utilized this season. Under terms of the gift the park is to be utilized as a golf course and recreation park. Much progress in grading the land for the golf course has been made.

Mr. Durey's gift has been followed by an appropriation of \$40,000 by the town of Caroga for improvements in the property, \$20,000 in bonds having been authorized for sale at once.

The park improvement project is under control of a special commission appointed by the town board of Caroga and consisting of Richard Evans, Johnstown; Burt C. Kasson, Gloversville, and Mr. Durey, whose home is at Caroga.

Lying one mile north of Caroga lake the park is in a beautifully scenic section and offers many new attractions for summer visitors.

Plans for the improvements are extensive, and the park will be one of the finest in this part of the state. Mr. Durey's gift is greatly appreciated by the residents of the town, and will be of benefit to the public generally.

Caroga lake is one of the favored summer places in the southern Adirondacks and is regularly visited by many vacationists. The park will be a beautiful added source of interest.—Knickerbocker Press.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1935

# ADIRONDACKS TO HAVE ANOTHER GOLF COURSE

## Excellent Development Under Way Near Caroga Lake

### NEW STATE ROAD BIG FACTOR

### Makes Distance From Utica to Pine Lake 40 Miles

In realizing the possibility of the Adirondacks and recognition of that region by residents of Adirondack communities, it is a matter of honor of equal importance to the course. This one is being built near Wheelerville between Caroga and Canada Lakes in Dutch County. Work is now under way and will be continued as long as weather permits, in the hope that the first nine holes will be ready for play late next summer.

The significant thing about this new undertaking is that it has been financed by a \$40,000 bond issue by the town of Caroga. The land for the course was donated by Cyrus Jones, Pine Lake. Mr. Jones has been responsible for much of the recent development along Dutch Kill and Pine Lake, and shows his interest in the future of these attractive summer places by turning over the land required for this new project.

Although towns would hardly be expected to finance an undertaking of this sort, the Caroga people were so impressed by its possibilities for the future that there were only five votes cast against the resolution authorizing the bond issue. In the meantime had been granted for time was lost in clearing the land needed for the greens and fairways. The terrain is rather rough so that the course promises to be very scenic. There seems to be an abundance of good soil which also make the production of grass easy. This has been the case in some mountain courses.

Special legislation was needed to permit the town to engage in this venture. Control of the course will be vested in a commission including Mr. Durey, Richard Evans and Bert Z. Nasson. Rules for use of the course have not been determined but it is understood that daily, weekly and seasonal permits will be issued with payment of appropriate fees.

Tennis courts have also been laid out and backstops erected. If the project develops in accordance with the plans of its sponsors, another nine holes will be added to the course and probably also a club house with suitable locker space and facilities for meals.

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From the new fire observation tower on top of Kane Mountain overlooking Canada Lake, no less than 13 lakes can be discerned. The scenery is really quite superb and being easily accessible from New York and the Mohawk Valley, the promoters of that region anticipate for it a most promising future.

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OCTOBER 18, 1926.

**CAROGA GOLF COURSE.**

Town Votes \$30,000 Bond Issue to Complete Wheelerville Links.

By a vote of 64 to 14 residents in the town of Caroga recently approved a bond issue of \$30,000 which is to be used, if needed, in the completion of the work of the golf course at Wheelerville made possible through the gift of the land by Hon. Cyrus Durey, internal revenue collector of the Fourteenth New York district.

Two years ago Mr. Durey presented the township with land providing they would raise the money through a bond issue to lay out a golf course with a club house. At that time there were only four votes cast in opposition to the project when the community was bonded for a total of \$50,000. Since then the work on the course has been pushed with the utmost rapidity.

During the present season the first seven holes on the course have been completed and will be ready for use in the spring of 1927.

The club house will also be ready for occupancy in the near future. With the completion of the project the community will stand out as one of the foremost in that section of New York state. They have done more to put the northern lakes on the summer resort map of New York state than any other body of people there.

Mr. Durey was the first to foresee the great possibilities in the country. It is well that the people have given their utmost cooperation to the project. They can already see their goal ahead. It means much to the town of Caroga in the near future.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1927

**CAROGA GOLF LINKS.****Wheelerville 7-Hole Course and Club House Open to Public.**

Two of the things which will make the Caroga and Canada lake section increasingly popular with the people of the Mohawk valley is the seven-hole golf course and club house, both of which have been open to the public for several weeks. The links and house are unique in that they have been made by the township of Caroga, Fulton county, not only for the use of its residents but for any law-abiding citizens who desire to make use of them. That this has been a popular move is proven by the interest shown in the enterprise by the summer residents and motoring tourists.

The club house and golf course are located at Wheelerville, midway between Caroga and Canada lakes. The links have an elevation of over 1,500 feet above the sea and golfers play at this altitude in the clean, crisp air of the Adirondacks over links which give outlooks upon a beautiful landscape of rugged mountains and lake waters.

The links and club house were ideas of Hon. Cyrus Durey, who is not only collector of internal revenue for the Albany district, but a power in the north country. Mr. Durey is a native of the town of Caroga and lives at Pine lake, where he has a picturesque home alongside the Adirondack Midway road, for which he prophesies a great future as one of America's finest scenic touring routes. Cyrus Durey is a man of vision and the public links at Wheelerville are part of his plans for the future, when the Canada-Garoga-Pine lake country will be one of the most popular summer resort sections in New York state. The region is not only rapidly approaching that position but it also may some day be a mecca for those who love winter sports. All that is needed to bring that about is a good big modern hotel at some central point in the lakes region.

To develop the slightly land, donated by Mr. Durey for a public golf course and to create a modern club house, the town of Caroga has expended \$60,000. The club house will have a restaurant and a fine dance floor. It will also have rooms for golfers, dressing rooms, etc.

A golf course has been developed with seven holes. It lies to the northeast of the club house on the opposite side of the lakes highway. The fairways are somewhat rough but, with another season's work, a fine course should be completed. Two additional holes will be added and a nine-hole course will be open for play in 1928. Eventually an eighteen-hole course will be created.

The public is cordially invited to play the links, for which a small fee will be charged later. A professional golfer is in attendance at the club house, who gives instruction at the usual rates.

Several Fort Plain golfers have used the course this summer and they are enthusiastic over its present possibilities and future development.

The greatest present day advantage of a summer resort can have is good roads connecting it with population centers. The Canada-Garoga-Pine lakes section has good highways leading to it from the Mohawk valley.

There is one inconvenience, with regard to its highway connections, which should be remedied in time. Automobileists from Amsterdam, Fonda, Johnstown and Gloversville and the eastern Mohawk valley section have direct routes to the lakes. However, motorists from the middle and western Mohawk valley must go east to Happy home corners and then turn north to the lakes, to make the trip on surfaced roads. This route is three miles longer than that over the Rockwood-Bradville-Northbush corners gravel road, which is the direct route north to the lakes for people going east over the Doigeville-Johnstown road or for autoists coming north over the Palatine Bridge-Ephratah concrete highway.

The Bradville route has been improved as a good gravel road but its reconstruction, as a concrete or bituminous highway, would be a great asset to the Canada lake region. This is particularly true since so many Adirondack summer resorts have been developed and more are in prospect. It would be a great material advantage to the people of Fulton county for this road to be developed as a fine highway at an early date. Its construction would bring added numbers to enjoy the advantages of the Wheelerville golf links and club house and the other many attractions of the Canada-Garoga-Pine lake region.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1928.

# RECREATION PARK AT WHEELERVILLE

Course to Open in April With  
Fred Allen of Amsterdam  
in Charge

Fred Allen, golf professional, of Amsterdam, has been secured to take charge of the golf course at the Caroga Recreation park, at Wheelerville, during the coming season. Mr. Allen was formerly with the Sir William Johnson country club and last season at Sacandaga and is well and favorably known as a golf expert.

The new Caroga Recreation park, which is located between Canada and Caroga lakes, will open April 15. The park was made possible through a gift of eighty acres of land by Hon. Cyrus Durey, of this city and Green Lake. A nine hole course has been laid out.

Announcement was made that with the opening of the coming season, it will be a public course, and a charge will be made, provision having been made for a fee covering the season for those who enroll as members. There will also be a green fee for those who desire to play occasionally.

The club house is nearing completion and is expected to be ready during the early part of the season.

The commission designated by the Town of Caroga to supervise the operation of the new recreation park consists of Cyrus Durey, James M. Evans of this city and Burt Z. Kasson of Gloversville.

## LOCAL GOLF PRO GOING TO CAROGA

**Fred Allen Will Be Associated  
With New Recreation Park  
Coming Season.**

Fred Allen of Amsterdam, well known golf professional, has been secured to act as golf pro at the Caroga Recreation park in the town of Caroga for the season of 1928, which will open April 15. Allen was golf "pro" at the Sir William Johnson Country club last year, previous to which he held a similar position at Sacandaga and with several well known country clubs.

Securing of a professional golfer to have charge of the new course at Wheelerville, give instructions, etc. marks the culmination of a project launched three years ago to provide a recreation park in the town of Caroga, between Canada and the two Caroga lakes.

This was made possible by the gift of eighty or more acres of land from Cyrus Durey of Green Lake and Johnstown, at present federal internal revenue collector, in charge of the 14th New York district. The project was financed by the town of Caroga which authorized a special bond issue for this purpose.

A nine hole course has been laid out, the last two having been completed last year, and the fairways, greens, etc. were in excellent condition despite the fact it was still practically a new course. Since the first holes were completed the public has been permitted the use of the course without charge and as a result, there was considerable activity last season.

Announcement is made that with the opening of the 1928 season, the course will continue in operation as a public course but a charge will be made for use of same, provision having been made for a fee covering the entire season for those who desire to enroll as members of the club, while there will also be a green fee for golfers who desire to play once in a while, without enrolling for the entire season.

The club house, just across the road from the No. 1 hole, is rapidly nearing completion and when the work is finished, it will be thrown open, marking another important addition to the recreation park pro-

gram. Negotiations are now under way for securing someone to have charge of the club house.

The commission designed by the town of Caroga to supervise the operation of the new recreation park consists of Cyrus Durey and James M. Evans of Johnstown and Burt Z. Kasson of Gloverville.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1921.

## CAROGA LINKS OPEN.

Play Began Saturday—Nicholas Stoner Club, Inc., Organized.

Plans are under way for the formation of the Nicholas Stoner Club, Inc., at Recreation park, at Wheelerville, in the town of Caroga, Fulton county. The club is named after the famous Revolutionary hero and Indian fighter, who resided for many years in the town of Caroga.

A board of directors for the new club is being organized which will have charge of the management of its affairs.

There are two classes of membership—active, with an annual membership fee of \$20 for men and \$10 for women, and associate, with fee of \$25 and \$15.

Only owners of property in the town of Caroga or those who rent property in that town are eligible to active membership. There is no initiation fee.

At a meeting of the town board held last week, the club house, with permission of taxpayers of the town, was transferred to the new club now being formed. The golf course will be open to the public, and those who do not care to become members may enjoy the privileges by payment of a green fee.

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Play began on the golf course last Saturday.

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# Nick Stoner Club

## *Caroga Recreation Park*

Between Caroga Lake and Canada Lake

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1928.

# GOLF COURSE OPEN TO THE STONER CLUB

The **Nicholas Stoner** Country Club with Cyrus Durey of Green Lake at its head was permanently organized at a meeting of its board of directors last week in the club house at Wheelerville.

Besides a handsome and, fully equipped club house, the organization will have the use of a nine hole golf course which is owned by the Town of Caroga, and is administered by a board of three commissioners appointed by the town board. Membership in the golf club automatically confers membership in the country club, it was announced.

The club has been organized in response to public demand, it is said, and has been situated in one of the most advantageous positions in this territory, and will draw members from every nook and corner of the Mohawk Valley district.

Plans were made at Saturday night's meeting to install showers and furnish the guest rooms and a committee appointed to negotiate with the steward, George Dudley, a contract for operating the dining room and guest rooms for the 1929 season. Mr. Dudley said that he would keep the club house open for the hunting season until December 1.

The permanent organization as completed at the meeting is as follows:

Directors — Hon. Cyrus Durey, Green Lake; Walter L. Miller, Albany; C. E. Mochrie, Schenectady; E. Corning Davis, Fonda; Harold B. Northrup, Johnstown; Leonard B. Moore, Fort Plain; H. I. Patrie, Dolgeville; Joseph Nadler, Amsterdam; Joseph H. Reaney, St. Johnsville; A. C. Abrams, Caroga Lake; Henry S. Gage, Johnstown, and John B. Sherman, Gloversville.

President, Hon. Cyrus Durey; treasurer, Joseph H. Reaney; secretary, Leonard B. Moore.

An executive committee and an entertainment committee will be appointed by the president.

## Nicholas Stoner Club At Caroga Completes Entire Organization

Country Club Offers Social,  
Recreational Center to  
Large District.

Offering out-door recreation to a large population of cottagers, as well as nearby communities, the Nicholas Stoner Country Club has completed its permanent organization in the town of Caroga.

This is one of the most recent country clubs to be established in the valley of the Mohawk, yet already has a promising outlook and possesses an attractive club house and a nine-hole golf course with a scenic setting of lake, mountain and forest country. The course is owned by the town of Caroga, and is administered by a board of three commissioners, appointed by the town board.

The club house, which is fully equipped and is architecturally handsome, is owned outright by the club. There is a separate golf club, but membership in the latter automatically establishes membership in the country club, with all club-house privileges. The country club is a membership corporation.

Through the region immediately surrounding the club's premises, population growth is at present rapid. The town is already a considerable recreational district on account of the East and West Caroga Lakes, the East and West Canada Lakes, Green Lake, Pine Lake and the three Stoner lakes, besides many smaller bodies of water. There are excellent opportunities for boating, swimming, fishing, hiking and golf, and all kinds of winter sports.

It is for the people who come into the region in search of such diversions that the country club is particularly intended, although membership is open to anyone, regardless of place of residence, according to the announcement of the officers.

While the formation of the club is a logical outcome of a growing demand, its immediate establishment is to be traced to the vision of Hon. Cyrus Durey, of Green Lake, who has been elected president. The other officers are: Joseph H. Reaney, treasurer; Leonard H. Moore, secretary.

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The commissioners of the golf club are: Hon. Cyrus Durey, Green Lake; Richard M. Evans, Johnstown; and Hon. Burt J. Kaxon, Gloversville. An executive committee and entertainment committee are to be appointed by the president of the country club.

A committee is negotiating with the steward, George Dudley, to arrange for operating the dining room and guest rooms during the 1929 season. The steward has announced that he will keep the club house open during the hunting season this year, until December 1.

The last detail in the equipment of the club house, the furnishing of the guest rooms and the installation of showers, has been begun. The program of 1929 will shortly be completed and announced. The broad plan is to create in this club house a social and recreational center for the region.

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THE MORNING HERALD,

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JULY 18, 1929.

# A. PEAKE HEADS COMMITTEE TO UNVEIL STATUE

**Ceremonies of Stoner Monument Will Be Held  
Wednesday, Aug. 21**

## INCREASE MEMBERS

**Statue Will Be Placed in  
Caroga Recreation  
Park**

Asa B. Peake, of Gloversville, chairman of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the unveiling and dedication of the statue to be erected in the Town of Caroga in honor of Major Nicholas Stoner, famous soldier, trapper and Indian fighter. The ceremonies will take place Wednesday afternoon, August 21, at 2:30 under the auspices of the Johnstown Historical Society. A meeting of the committee in charge was held recently at the office of Judge Fred Linus Carroll, at which time plans were made for the event, and it was decided to increase to fifty or more members, including a number of prominent residents of the county. A feature of the occasion will be an address by some prominent speaker.

The statue will be placed on top of a knoll near the first green of the golf course laid out in connection with the recreation park maintained by the Town of Caroga. The site overlooks Stoner's old home just above Vrooman's hotel, where the Willett house is now located. Stoner lived on the site from 1787 until his death in 1853. The monument will consist of a bronze figure of Stoner, seven feet in height, designed by Joseph Pella, well known Italian artist. It will be erected on a base of natural field stone, ten feet square and between seven and eight feet in height.

The project to erect the memorial to Stoner was started a year ago by the people of Caroga to pay tribute to their fellow townsman. Their efforts were aided by the Board of Supervisors, and by the State Department of Education in observance of the sesqui-centennial of the Sullivan-Clinton expedition through the Mohawk Valley.

AUGUST 5, 1929.

# 100 ARE NAMED ON COMMITTEE FOR UNVEILING

**Dr. Alexander C. Flick,  
State Historian, Will Be  
Principal Speaker**

## REQUEST ATTENDANCE

**Dedication Ceremonies of  
Major Nicholas Stoner  
Monument Aug. 21**

One hundred city, county and village officials and prominent men and women of Fulton county who have been appointed members of a general committee in charge of arrangements for the unveiling and dedication of the Major Nicholas Stoner statue on the edge of the recreation park in the Town of Caroga have received invitations to attend the ceremonies.

The invitations are signed by Chairman Asa B. Peake of Gloversville, Mrs. Mary Ripley Grant of this city and Judge Fred Linus Carroll, president of the Johnstown Historical under the direction of which the dedication will be held:

Dr. Alexander C. Flick of Albany, State Historian, will deliver the principal address in connection with the dedication ceremonies which will take place Wednesday afternoon, August 21 at 2:30.

The invitations sent out are as follows:

### Request Attendance

August 3, 1929.

We take pleasure in informing you that you have been named a member of the General Committee having charge of the ceremonies at the unveiling of the Statue erected to commemorate the life and heroic work of Major Nicholas Stoner, Revolutionary Patriot and Soldier, which will take place at the entrance of the golf links of the Caroga Recreation Park, in the Town of Caroga, on the 21st day of August, 1929, at 2:30 P. M.

We earnestly request your attendance at these ceremonies and your active co-operation in contributing to its success by urging the attendance of all persons, who would be interested therein and all organizations with which you are affiliated, having an interest in historical matters.

Respectfully yours,

ASA B. PEAKE,

MRS. MARY R. GRANT,

FRED LINUS CARROLL,

### Statue On Way

A base of natural field stone, about ten feet square and seven feet in height, has been completed, and a sixty-foot flag pole erected. The bronze figure of Stoner, designed by Joseph Pollia, well known Italian artist, has been cast, and is now on its way. Pollia is expected to be present at the unveiling.

The personnel of the committee of one hundred is as follows:

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# JOHNSTOWN LOCAL NEWS

## MEMORY OF MAJOR NICHOLAS STONER FITTINGLY HONORED

### MEMORY OF PIONEER AND SOLDIER IS HONORED IN UNVEILING OF MONUMENT

#### Statue Overlooks Land Where Famous Indian Fighter Passed Latter Part of His Life; Little Miss Helen Gage Unveils Monument Which Is Accepted on Behalf of Town by Hon. Cyrus Durey

The memory of Major Nicholas Stoner, famous soldier, pioneer and Indian fighter, was fittingly honored in dedicatory exercises and the unveiling of a magnificent life size statue of him, at Caroga Recreation Park, in the Town of Caroga, yesterday afternoon.

Located upon a point of eminence in the center of the golf course of the park, the bronze figure, upon a base of natural stones views the modern fields and hills which the famous resident once traveled in its embryonic state. Majestically the old Indian fighter stands with flint-lock in hand, overlooking the old Stoner home, where long since the echo of the war whoop and the report of the flint-lock musket have given way to civilization. Imposingly viewing the land where the latter part of his life was passed; where wild animals abounded and the name of Stoner was as familiar to the Red skin as it is to the student of history, the beautiful statue may be viewed by the passing automobilist as a lasting memory to all in emulating the deeds and life of Nicholas Stoner.

The dedication exercises took place at 2:30 in the presence of a large audience, members of the Johnstown Historical society, General Richard Montgomery chapter, and Johnstown chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, besides a large number of prominent residents of Fulton and nearby counties.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Alexander C. Flick, State Historian, who was accompanied by his son, both of whom have an especial interest in the history of Fulton county.

#### Dedication Program

Following a dinner served at the Nick Stoner Inn, at which Supervisor Guy Durey entertained the members of the board of supervisors, the clerk of the board and one or two others, and Hon. Cyrus Durey had as his guests Dr. Flick, Robert Chambers, of Broadalbin, Hon. L. N. Littauer, Hon. W. E. Hillson Mills of Gloversville and a number of out of the county visitors, all adjourned to the golf course, all adjourned to the golf course.

Headed by the Gloversville Military band, the music of which always adds much to an occasion of this kind and through the courtesy of the Gloversville Lodge, 226, B. P. O. Elks, the music was furnished, a line was formed and a parade made to the site of the monument.

The exercises were opened by a selection by the band, after which Chairman Ass. B. Peake, of the board of supervisors, in the capacity of chairman of the occasion, introduced Rev. Walter Shaver, pastor of the North Bush-Caroga M. E. church, who gave the invocation. Chairman Peake then made a few introductory remarks. Mr. Peake spoke extemporaneously and brought out that in these days of modern progress and pleasure bent but little thought is given to the past. He referred to the sacrifices and patriotism of the men and women who made the history of this country and pointed out the commendable spirit of the present generation in marking and honoring the characters and sites of those who so conspicuously and capably made history, that those who rush by it are rather to be honored than the name of Nicholas Stoner stands out prominently in history and has been honored and brought to the attention of people by famous writers.

#### Monument Unveiled

The unveiling of the monument was a pleasing part of the occasion. The statue, draped in a large American flag, was unveiled by little Miss Helen Gage, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gage of Green Lake and Master Henry Stoner Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Gage, of Johnstown, descendants of Major Stoner in the sixth generation. As the flag gave way, disclosing the bronze statue of Major Stoner, the first sight many had of the statue. As the draping fell into the arms of an attendant, the "Salute by the Spirit of '76," was carried out. Daniel Hamm, as after John Soules, Jr., and John Soules, Jr., as the drummers in the costume of the Revolution period marched around the monument, carrying out the spirit and interest in the occasion.

#### Scouts Take Part

The younger generation to whom the life of Major Stoner has been vividly brought to mind in the perpetuation of his memory by the monument, had an important part in the exercises yesterday. The Fulton County Scouts bugle and drum corps made a big impression in the part it had in carrying out the Scout Salute, in front of the monument.

Following this the monument was accepted by Hon. Cyrus Durey on behalf of the town of Caroga. Hon. Eberly Hutchinson, who had been expected to accept the monument, was called out of the county on business and was unable to return in time. Mr. Durey spoke briefly but there was a convincing tone about his voice that he and the townspeople appreciated the importance of the occasion and for what it stands. He assured all in no uncertain way that it would be maintained and kept in perpetuity. After the singing of "America" by the audience, led by Cornet George Parkman of the band, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Peter Winkelman, pastor of St. Barbara's chapel, Caroga Lake.

The project for a monument to Major Stoner was started over a year ago by Caroga townspeople, as a tribute to the famous old hunter and trapper, whose name is linked with the history of Caroga and the adjacent county. Aid was given by the Fulton county board of supervisors and the state department in connection with the sesqui-centennial of the Sullivan-Clinton expedition through the valley.

#### Prominent Promoter

Cyrus Durey, collector of internal

#### ONLY ONE WOMAN RECALLS STONER

Mrs. Harriet Van Nostrand, 123 Bleeker street, Gloversville, is possibly the only living acquaintance of Major Nicholas Stoner, whose memory was honored yesterday in the dedication of a monument in the Town of Caroga.

Mrs. Van Nostrand, was 12 years of age when Major Stoner died. She resided at Newkirks, with her parents and they were friends of the Stoners. Although the town was a wilderness at that time, they were neighbors, and Mrs. Van Nostrand recalls her visits to the Stoner home where Major Stoner talked with her. Mrs. Van Nostrand's father was the first supervisor from the town of Caroga.

So far as is known Mrs. Stoner is the only living acquaintance of Major Stoner. She was not present at the exercises yesterday, but enjoyed an automobile ride Tuesday evening to Caroga where she saw the life size statue of one who she had known in the flesh and to whom she had talked.

Among the descendants of Major Nicholas Stoner in attendance at the monument dedication exercises at Caroga yesterday, were Clarence Stoner and John Stoner of Auburn. The latter was accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

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The outcome of the work of all connected with the exercises yesterday was most successful in every detail. It was the carrying out of a commendable enterprise, one which may well be repeated in honor to others.

Major Stoner typifies the type of sturdy residents who gave America its freedom, and the magnificent monument erected to his memory magnify the deeds and valor of the men of his day.

### NICK STONER'S DEEDS ARE HIGHLY PRAISED BY FLICK

Dr. Alexander C. Flick, State Historian, who delivered the principal address at the dedication and who has been heard in Johnstown on other occasions, not only retained his old friends but made many new ones. His talk was a valuable contribution to the history of "Nick" as he was familiarly known and also the men and women of the Revolution. He took for his topic, "Nick Stoner and His Times."

In those Sesqui-centennial observations I feel that we are devoting all our attention to the Revolutionary fathers and that we are forgetting the mothers of the War of Independence. In my reading I recently ran across the story of Deborah Sampson. Carried away by the cause of American freedom, she donned the attire of a man and enlisted in the Continental Army. We find her at West Point and elsewhere in New York State. She served three years when she was wounded and placed in a hospital at Philadelphia. There her sex was discovered and of course she was dismissed, with words of praise from Washington. She married, reared a family, and died in 1827. After her death her husband, who had not served in the Revolution, applied to the Federal Government for a pension on the ground that he was the "relic" of a Revolutionary soldier.

Nick Stoner, whose memory we commemorate, today was born, according to Simms, in 1726 of German parents in Maryland. Hence his life stretched back to American colonial history. He was a year old when there came to an end the French and Indian War, which determined that the North American Continent would be English and not French. In that same war the American colonists gained that proficiency in military matters that enabled them a generation later to win for themselves an independent status among the nations of the world.

Largely as result of the leadership displayed in this same French and Indian War, there emerged here in what was then Tryon County one of the outstanding figures of our colonial period, Sir William Johnson, As Superintendent of Indian Affairs, his influence extended from Maine to the Mississippi. As a member of the Governor's Council he wielded great political power. He was a conspicuous leader in trade, agriculture, stock raising, social life, education, and religion. Knighted for his services by the Crown, a great landowner and enriched by shrewd trading, he did much to lay the foundations for the Loyalist party and to hold the Six Nations loyal to the King. In the discussion of the tea tax, the Stamp Act, and other obnoxious measures he seemed to take a neutral position but when he did speak it was as an empire builder.

It was a matter of no small significance that Henry Stoner with his sons, John and Nick, came to Fonda's Bush in this region when Sir William Johnson was at the summit of his activities. Nick was not more than eight years of age at the time but he must have met Sir William and heard a great deal about him. Had Sir William died in 1774, the young frontiersman, like so many others, might have found it more difficult to come out openly for the Revolution. He was old enough to understand the ardent discussions of the issues of the day and after he moved down into the valley the news of non-resistance were open for him to know of the exciting happenings in the seaports.

The American Revolution opened a new chapter in world history but it was only recently that we came to realize this fact. We see now that the causes of the upheaval run back through a century and a half of colonial history. We now know that it was tremendously complex. We understand that the Patriots were made up of merchants, planters, frontiersmen, and the workers in the cities. We see that religion played a big part in it. We know that the results were social, economic, religious and educational as well as political.

New York's part in the Revolution has been ignored and "settled." I wish to assert that the role of the Patriots of this State was an honorable one. New York was the Belgium of the struggle and had to bear the brunt of the fighting. No other State was menaced by a powerful Confederation of hostile Indians. No other State had so many Tories in its population. No other State had its seaports in the hands of the enemy during the entire war. No other State in proportion to numbers and wealth contributed more soldiers and supplies. And no other State had abler statesmen and military leaders.

Young Nick Stoner was a true patriot in a region where such a stand meant heroism. His young German heart was fired by the great issues of freedom and self government. His father, remembering the political and religious tyranny from which he fled from the Old World to the New World took up arms for independence.

His sons, as soon as they were old enough to serve followed his example. Nick enlisted at the age of sixteen as a fifer but soon changed the fife for a gun. He was with Arnold at Fort Stanwix and Saratoga. He took part in the movements about Providence, R. I. He was in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and he saw the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He witnessed the evacuation of the British from New York in 1783. Altogether he must have seen six years of military service.

When the Revolution ended young Nick returned to his home in this region, married and settled down as a farmer, hunter and trapper. He followed the life of a typical frontiersman. He reared a family, held local offices, was a good neighbor and a respected citizen.

He was fifty years of age when the War of 1812—our Second War of Independence—broke out. Without hesitation, at a time when most men are ready to take life easy, he volunteered and performed valuable service as a scout. When that war ended he once more returned to his farm, his gun and his traps.

Today across the years we salute this typical heroic American. He was an outstanding personality among the thousands who helped to win American freedom; who laid the foundations for our republic government; and who helped to establish our democratic institutions. A true pioneer, he helped to clear the land, to establish local rule by the people, and to build our homes, churches and schools. In his own community he commanded the respect and admiration of his friends and acquaintances. His deeds in war, his fearless encounters with the Indians, his prowess as a hunter, his shrewdness as a trapper, his intelligence and homely wit, and his unusual age made him a local hero of note.

It is fitting that the community in which he lived should perpetuate his memory with this beautiful statue. I wish to offer my congratulations and thanks for it. As State Historian I deem it a privilege to take part in the dedicatory exercises.

In closing Dr. Flick, paid a compliment to Hon. Cyrus Durey and those associated with him for their efforts in carrying out the monument to Major Stoner.

### SEMI-ANNUAL BARGAIN OPENS THIS MORNING

Local residents will be out in large numbers this morning when the stores open their doors for the semi-annual Dollar Day event, and it is expected that the usual rush for the best bargains will take place soon after the crowds are allowed inside the business places.

### FUNERALS

Alfred J. Pierce  
The funeral of Alfred J. Pierce, who passed away Monday afternoon while he was at work in Saxonville, was held at the undertaking parlors of C. A. Buchanan yesterday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Raymond C. Deits, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, officiated. There were a large number of floral tributes.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Amanda Tyrell  
The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Tyrell, widow of William K. Wait, who died Sunday afternoon at her home, 7 North Chase street, was held at the home yesterday afternoon at 2. Rev. T. G. Thompson, D. D., retired Methodist clergyman of this city, officiated. There were numerous floral tributes from relatives and friends.

### Principal Speaker



Dr. Flick

### BIDS FOR NEW SCHOOL OPENED

#### General Contract Will Probably Be Awarded to Local Concern

The general contract for the construction of a new three room brick school building and auditorium in Ephratah, will probably be awarded to the Smith Brothers Construction Company of this city, as a result of having submitted the lowest bid at a meeting of the Board of Education of the village held Tuesday evening. Alton Empe presided at the meeting.

The local firm's figure was \$26,500. All the figures for the \$30,000 building project were close, and were as follows: Harry Seaman, Johnstown, \$23,550; Smith Brothers, Johnstown, \$23,735; W. F. Hull, Herkimer, \$23,200; Otto Brothers, Amsterdam, \$23,800; E. P. Sharp, Herkimer, \$23,984; Scriben & Spawn, Johnstown, \$27,965.

### "ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" LAST TIMES TONIGHT

Anne Nichols' famous stage play, "Abie's Irish Rose" has been transplanted to the screen by Paramount and equipped with Quality Sound, featuring four important sequences with talking. A beautiful musical score has been prepared for the picture by J. S. Zamecnik.

### REV. EDWARD CARROLL HOME FROM EUROPE

Rev. Edward T. Carroll, D. D., a native of this city, has returned to Amsterdam from a seven weeks' European trip. Dr. Carroll visited Dresden, Prague, Munich, Nuremberg, Vienna and Budapest.

### HOLD ANNUAL OUTING

Employees of M. Denker & Company, local sporting goods concern, held their annual outing yesterday at Pine Lake, with about 60 in attendance. The party left the factory about noon and proceeded to the lake where a full program of sports, for both men and women was carried out under the direction of John McGlynn. At 4 the party went on to Avery's hotel at Aletia, where a bounteous chicken dinner was served.

### CONCERT IS POSTPONED

Jack Jenner, manager of the Citizens' band, has announced that the concert scheduled for this evening has been postponed until Thursday night of next week. The change was made because of so many members being out of town on their vacations. The announcement also stated that next week's concert would be the last of the present season.

### STONE MAKES APPEAL

Adjutant Bernard Stone of the local Salvation Army yesterday made an appeal for an old machine suitable for glove work, for the use of a local woman. Anyone having such a machine and who is willing to loan it is asked to communicate with Adjutant Stone, phone 733-J.

### CORRECTION

Through an error the price of apples appeared \$1.25 per peck in an advertisement of Tom Lizio's yesterday morning. The advertisement should have read 25 cents per peck with the purchase of a bushel of peaches at \$3.75.

- \* The driver used by Glenns
- \* Collet weighs 12 1/2 ounces.
- \* Hub, all of her shots carry
- \* weight

## MAJOR STONER'S DEEDS WILL LIVE LONG IN HISTORY

### Was Born on Jersey Coast and Brought to This County as a Youngster Who Settled at Broadalbin under Johnson's Patronage; Took Prominent Part in Revolution Here

Major Nicholas Stoner, a pioneer son, a patriot soldier in his youth and middle age and a lifelong hunter and trapper. The story of his life stretching over more than 90 years, seemed worthy of preservation to "Simms," the historian of the Mohawk Valley, and he preserved it in the "Trappers of New York." Stoner was born on the Jersey sea coast, brought here as a youngster by his father, who settled at Broadalbin under Johnson's patronage several years before the war and was probably the first settler in that town.

#### Held Praiseworthy

At the time this act was held to be praiseworthy. He was not called to account for it by the law, although lodged in jail for a few hours when he was released by demand of the entire town. Today such an act would be condemned. But the horrors of Indian warfare were still a vivid memory to all in the Old Testament law of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was often the rule of conduct. Individual acts frequently avenged individual wrongs instead of awaiting the slow moving law. Such has been the fact in all new countries.

In his old age he built a house at Newkirks, where Garrett A. Newkirk had established a busy community and there he spent the last half a dozen years of his life, enjoying a pension from the country for his services in two wars and delighting in all old folks do, in recounting stories of his youth and middle age when he had been extraordinarily active.

#### Scalped by Indians

The war being about to close, the father returned a few months in advance of the boys and had taken his wife on to a vacant farm, the Quilhot farm at Albany Bush, was killed and scalped by the Indians there, leaving to the boys a justifiable hatred of the Indian and his barbarous cruelty.

When Nicholas returned he married Anna Mason of Johnstown, and started in pioneering work as his father had done before him. The courtship of the Stoners has been beautifully related by Chambers in his "Little Red Foot."

He purchased from the state, which had confiscated the Johnson lands, a hundred acres of wilderness, now the Fulton County Poor Farm.

#### In the Militia

When that war opened, he was in the militia in which General Dodge of Johnstown was a general and was at Sackett's Harbor and at Plattsburgh. He was officially the drum major but more often was Dodge's chief of scouts. He was active in the militia before and after that war, being an officer and participated in every general training day in Montgomery and often in neighboring counties. He was the personal friend of General Dodge, of Daniel Cady and General Cochrane as well as of J. Fenimore Cooper, who it is believed took him as the original of Leather Stocking in his works. He and Green White, a noted Onondago county trapper, were often partners in trapping.

In addition to his hunting and trapping, he did the work of the ordinary backwoods farmer and also filled many minor offices of the town and county. He was deputy sheriff, constable, highway commissioner and assessor of the Town of Bleeker until it was divided, and the part in which he lived became the Town of Caroga, when we find him serving that town in the same capacities.

His dramatic killing of his father's Indian murderer is intensely interesting. He was in Johnstown on one of his infrequent visits. On entering the public room of the inn kept by Von Clair, probably the present home of County Clerk Cross, found several Indian hunters who had come down from the wilderness "in hope of their furs, and had become intoxicated, having completed their sales and received their money. They were boasting, each to the other of its own prowess, as Indians when intoxicated always will, and as men

of other races often do. One was pointing to his tomahawk handle marked with notches and describing what each notch represented. "And this," he said, in the Mohawk tongue, which Stoner spoke with ease, "is for old Henry Stoner." As the fact reached Nick's understanding that his father's murderer stood before him boasting in his intoxication of that murder, he in righteous indignation grabbed the red hot andirons from the fireplace and struck the murderer with it, without doubt causing his death, although the body was removed by the other Indians.

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All those who knew him liked him, admired him and tried to make his last days pleasant. When he died in 1853, his funeral was held at Johnstown and the procession which followed him to his grave in the Kingsboro cemetery, was said to be the largest procession that the county had seen up to that time.

### PUTMANS HOLD 29TH REUNION

Arthur D. Putman is Elected Historian at Myers Park Outing

Arthur D. Putman of this city was elected historian of the Putman family at the twenty-ninth annual reunion held yesterday afternoon at Myers Park, Gloversville. William T. Bradley and Mrs. Jay Baird, also of this city, were elected press reporter and condolence committee, respectively. Ninety-two members of the family were in attendance at the reunion.

Ideal weather conditions and the park surroundings, which are exceptionally attractive at this time of the year, both helped to make the outing a great success.

At 1 the members of the party enjoyed a bounteous chicken dinner. After the dinner the following were elected in addition to those mentioned above:

President, James B. Putman, Gloversville; vice president, Everett Putman, Gloversville; secretary, Mrs. James B. Putman, Gloversville.

### KRETZER TO SPEAK AT ROTARY MEETING

Ray Kretzer of Amsterdam, will be the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary club, to be held at the Hotel Johnstown today at noon. A Mass. session will be in charge of the program, and he has promised several unique features.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1929

# MEMORIAL TO MAJOR STONER UNVEILED AT CAROGA PARK

Impressive Ceremonies Carried Out in Presence of a Large Gathering — State Historian Flick Makes Principal Address — Monument Accepted By Cyrus Durey.

The memory of Major Nicholas Stoner, famous soldier, pioneer and Indian fighter, was fittingly honored in dedicatory exercises and the unveiling of a fine life sized statue of him at Caroga Recreation park in the town of Caroga, Fulton county, Wednesday afternoon.

Located upon an eminence in the center of the golf course of the park, the bronze figure, upon a base of native stones, views the modern fields and hills which the famous resident once traveled in its embryonic state. Majestically the old Indian fighter stands with flint-lock in hand overlooking the old Stoner home, where long since the echo of the war whoop and the report of the musket have given way to civilization. Imposingly viewing the land where the latter part of his life was passed, where wild animals abounded and the name of Stoner was as familiar to the redskin as it is to the student of history, the

beautiful statue may be viewed by the passing automobilist.

The dedication exercises took place at 2:30 in the presence of a large audience, members of the Johnstown Historical society, General Richard Montgomery chapter, and Johnstown chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, besides many prominent residents of Fulton and nearby counties.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Alexander C. Flick, state historian, who was accompanied by his son, both of whom have an especial interest in the history of Fulton county.

Following a dinner served at the Nick Stoner Inn, at which Supervisor Guy Durey entertained the members of the Fulton county board of supervisors, the clerk of the board and one or two others, and Cyrus Durey had as his guest Dr. Flick, Robert W. Chambers of Broadalbin, L. N. Littauer, W. Ellison Mills of Gloversville and a number of visitors, all adjourned to the golf course.

Headed by the Gloversville Military band, through the courtesy of the Gloversville lodge, No. 226, B. P. O. Elks, a line was formed and a parade made to the site of the monument.

The exercises were opened by a selection by the band, after which Chairman Asa B. Peake, of the board of supervisors, in the capac-

ity of chairman of the occasion, introduced the Rev. Walter Shaver, pastor of the North Bush-Caroga M. E. church, who gave the invocation.

Chairman Peake then made a few introductory remarks. He brought out that in these days of modern progress and pleasure bent but little thought is given to the past. He referred to the sacrifices and patriotism of the men and women who made the history of this country and pointed out the commendable spirit of the present generation in marking and honoring the characters and sites of those who so conspicuously and capably made history, that those who rush by may read. He said that though it is a rather belated honor, the name Nicholas Stoner stands out prominently in history and has been honored and brought to the attention of people by famous writers.

The unveiling of the monument was a pleasing part of the occasion. The statue, draped in a large American flag, was unveiled by little Miss Helen Gage, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gage of Green Lake and Master Henry Stoner Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Gage, of Johnstown, descendants of Major Stoner in the sixth generation. As the flag gave way, disclosing the bronze statue of Major Stoner, the "Salute By the Spirit of '76" was carried out. Daniel Hamm, as fifer, John Soules, Sr., and John Soules, Jr., as the drummers in the costume of the Revolutionary period marched around the monument.

The younger generation, to whom the life of Major Stoner has been vividly brought to mind in the perpetuation of his memory, by the monument, had an important part in the exercises. The Fulton county Scouts' bugle and drum corps made a big impression in the part it had in carrying out the Scout salute in front of the monument.

Following this the monument was accepted by Cyrus Durey on behalf of the town of Caroga. Assemblyman Eberly Hutchinson, who had been expected to accept the monument, was called out of the county on business and was unable to return in time.

After the singing of "America" by the audience, led by Cornetist George Parkman of the band, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Peter Winkleman, pastor of St. Barbara's chapel, Caroga Lake.

The project for a monument to Major Stoner was started over a year ago by Caroga townspeople as a tribute to the famous old hunter and trapper, whose name is linked with the history of Caroga and the adjacent country. Aid was given by the Fulton county board of supervisors and the state department.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1929.

## OFFICERS RENAMED BY STONER COUNTRY CLUB

Members of the Nicholas Stoner Country club at the annual meeting held recently, reelected Hon. Cyrus Durey of Green Lake, president. The other officers, all of whom were reelected, are: Vice president, Harold B. Northrup, Johnstown; treasurer, J. H. Reaney, St. Johnsville; secretary, Judge J. L. Moore, Fort Plain.

Mr. Durey, County Clerk E. T. Cross, Herbert VanVoast and Lee H. Ingram were reelected to the Board of Directors. The meeting was held at the clubhouse at Wheleerville.

# COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT REPORT FOR LAKE PARK

**Thomas Vill Will Take Over  
Lease of Nick Stoner  
Club from Dudley**

## RECEIPTS MOUNTING

**Nine Holes to Be Added to  
the Golf Course Dur-  
ing Coming Year**

Park Commissioners, Cyrus Durey, Richard M. Evans and Burt Z. Kasson, of the Town of Caroga Park, have submitted a report to the Town Board showing the receipts, expenditures and activities of the park for one year. The receipts for the year exceed the expenditures. Announcement is also made that **Thomas Vill**, former sheriff, and well known hotel man will take over the lease of the Nick Stoner club, from George Dudley.

The report of the Park Commissioners is as follows:

### Commissioners' Report.

To the Town Board of the Town of Caroga:

"The undersigned, acting as Park Commissioners of the Town report as follows on their activities and expenditures for the Town Park over which this commission has control. The total receipts during the season paid over to the supervisor as treasurer of the town, amounted to \$4698.15, arising from the following sources, viz: 145 season tickets, \$2425.00; Daily tennis, \$175.50; Daily, Sunday and holiday tickets, \$1999.45.

As a matter of fact, in addition to the 145 season tickets mentioned above, 18 of the 1929 season tickets were sold in the closing days of 1928 and were accounted for in last year's report. There were actually 163, 192' season tickets in existence. The increase in use of the course by the public is shown by a comparison of the 1928 and the 1929 figures,—163 season tickets in 1929 against 110 in 1928; 798 daily tickets in 1929 against 461 in 1928; 741 Saturday, Sunday and Holiday tickets in 1929 against 356 in 1928. The use has practically doubled in one year, in fact, crowded conditions prevailed at times during the season.

The actual cost of maintenance for the year as shown by figures submitted by the "Pro" was \$4424.64 made up of labor \$3757.52; machinery and supplies \$667.12, so that the actual receipts thus shown exceed the expenditures by \$273.51, a most gratifying fact.

During the year - monument was erected in the Park to the memory of Major Nicholas Stoner, early settler of the town, Revolutionary soldier and a typical early pioneer. The expense was borne by the County, State and the Town. The location being in the Park, it became necessary for this commission to make the expenditures for the site and on that account, an additional labor bill in clearing, blasting and grading was incurred of \$927.80. This amount does not include the cost of construction of the road leading to it, which was borne by the highway department of the Town.

At the commencement of the year, there was due and owing for fertilizers and other supplies \$603.91, and bill for machinery and repairs amounting to \$495.00 was paid by the supervisor on the order of this commission. There are a few items for bills incurred still unpaid amounting to in the neighborhood of \$200.00.

A feature of the Park that is popularizing the project is the start that has been made in gathering together native wild birds and animals, the expense of which up to date has been met by private subscription. A further expansion will call for help from the park authorities.

All in all, this season has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commission that the entire project is bound to be successful and a benefit to the Town as well as a pleasure to the many thousands who annually visit it.

A special Town meeting was held on the 18th to determine by vote of the taxpayers if a further expansion is advisable. As your board knows, the taxpayers with a surprising unanimity, but 4 negative votes being cast, voted for such expansion.

If the intent of the voters is carried out, and another nine holes constructed, it is believed by this Commission that more and more people will use the course and that revenues arising therefrom will eventually not only pay the running expense of the Park, but in addition, will pay the original cost and that the community will own the finest Park in Northern New York without any actual cost to the taxpayers of the Town.

CYRUS DUREY,

RICHARD M. EVANS,

BURT Z. KASSON,

Commissioners.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1929.

## VILLS ARE ENGAGED AS CLUB MANAGERS

Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Vill** have been engaged by the Board of Directors of the Nick Stoner Country Club to manage the club house at Wheelerville. The Board held a meeting yesterday morning at the offices of County Clerk Egbert T. Cross. Mr. Vill, former sheriff of this county, and who conducted the Adirondack Hotel at Wells until it was destroyed by fire during the past year, recently took over the lease of the Nick Stoner Club, building held by George Dudley. Mrs. Vill is also well known as the manager of the Fultonville Inn.

## CHANNING FLOYD WILL HAVE CHARGE OF NICK STONER GOLF COURSE

Channing Floyd, brother of the local pro, who has been located on the links at Sarcodaga Park for a number of years, will have charge of the course at the Nick Stoner Club at Caroga Lake this year. Fred Allen, who had charge of the lake course last year, is now in Pasadena, California.

# CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL NINE HOLES AT CAROGA LAKE GOLF COURSE TO START SOON

**New Holes Will Be Constructed Across Road  
From Present Course; Cost of Addition,  
Which Will Be Completed for Next Fall, Is  
Estimated About \$15,000; Work to Start in  
Few Days**

Construction of nine additional holes of golfing course at the **Nicholas Stouer** Country club, at Caroga Lake, will be started within a few days, as soon as bids for the work are received and the contract awarded. The new nine-hole addition to the present club course will be located on the southwest of the roadway. The present nine-hole course of the club lies on the opposite side.

Completion of the additional nine holes is set for next Fall. It is expected that the course will be ready for playing in the Spring of 1931.

Cost of building the nine-hole addition to the course has been estimated as being in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Floating of the bond issue and arrangement for construction of the nine holes are in the hands of the Caroga Park Commission, which has everything in readiness for the actual laying out of the course to begin as soon as financial arrangements are made. This, it is said, will consume but little time, and the work is expected to get under way in the very near future.

When complete the 18 holes available on the club grounds will be among the finest golf courses in this region.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1931

## POSTPONE TOWN OF CAROGA BOND SALE

The bonds of the Town of Caroga of the amount of \$4,000 to be raised for the purchase of property and \$12,000 for the laying out of six additional holes on the golf course at the **Rich Corner Country Club** will be sold May 16 at the office of County Treasurer Edward C. Wells. The sale of the bonds was originally scheduled for yesterday noon, but was postponed one month.

ALBANY EVENING NEWS,

MAY 16, 1930.

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## COMMISSIONERS MAKE INTERESTING REPORT ON CAROGA RECREATION PARK

The Board of Park Commissioners have submitted an interesting summary of activities during the past year at the new recreation park in the Town of Caroga, to the town board of that town.

The report of the commission consisting of Cyrus Durey, Richard M. Evans and Burt Z. Kasson follows:

"This Board of Park Commissioners established by laws has certain duties, a description of which done the current year is hereby submitted.

In 1929, the use of the town park had so increased that it became evident the golf course maintained in it should be enlarged to accommodate the players, and the commission so recommended to the Town Board.

The Town Board thereupon submitted the question to a vote of the taxpayers of the town (and resident taxpayers only are eligible to vote on or determine the question of an appropriation for such a purpose) and at the special town meeting called for voting on the question, only 3 votes were cast in opposition.

A bond issue of \$18,000 was approved. Pieces of land owned by Charles Mead, Elizabeth Richards and Robert Wandel were required to properly lay out an additional nine hole course. These were bought, which, with the acreage donated by Cyrus Durey, was considered ample. The amount realized from the sale of the \$18,000 bonds, not being sufficient, another special town meeting was held and \$6,000 was voted to finish the work. It is a striking fact that no negative vote whatever was cast on this second appropriation. The work has now been completed and the new course will be ready for play as

\$953.02, for manure \$524.00, for supplies such as hardware, tools, etc., \$2,000, for labor \$23,673.14, which entire cost has been paid. The Town owes in bonds \$24,000 which it borrowed and used in construction. The balance of \$5,350.16 came from profits from the old course of \$2,128.71 and the rest from audits and the use of the surplus on hand.

The gross receipts for season tickets and daily playing tickets during the season was \$9,961.10, while the expenditure on the first nine holes was \$7,832.39, leaving a net profit of \$2,128.71. This profit on the old course would have been considerably more but for the fact that near the close of the season it was thought best to make some improvements that seemed imperative which improvements cost \$1,500.

The interest cost for the bonds for the park, old and new, is \$4,120 and as the bonds are paid off, the interest bill will gradually decrease, so that it would seem that this interest cost can be nearly or fully met from the income of the course, provided it continues to receive the same amount of patronage that it has the last season.

It goes without saying that the Park has been an expense to the town and has created a liability that must be liquidated, either by income from play or by taxation. It is equally true that in the park the town has an asset of value. It is probable that the town could sell the Park for much more than it has cost to private parties but it is evident that as an attraction for the vacationist with its golf, tennis, wild birds and animals and the scenic features, it has a much greater value than from such a commercial angle. The towns real estate, rental and sales value seem to have greatly benefited and the

now been completed and the new course will be ready for play as soon as the growth of grasses on the fairways will permit. It is hoped that by July 1st it can be played. The grasses are mostly bents, slow growing, but the best ones for our land and climate and when fully matured by far the best golf grasses known. Your commission feels that the new course is well laid out and complementary to the older one, will, with age, make the entire course second to none in most of the features that go to make a fine golf course.

The objective of the original course was to furnish to residents and visitors to the Lake region an up-to-date recreation, and the growth of golf playing makes of that game the ideal recreation.

There was further object in view. Generally speaking, golf has been the rich man's game confined to expensive country clubs, unavailable for men and women of small means. It was felt that if it could be made so reasonable in cost as to bring it within the reach of this multitude a most desirable end would be served.

During the current year 366 people have become holders of annual tickets against 146 in 1929. This, in addition to daily and transient players, it is highly probable that in the next year with the additional nine holes available, another striking increase in the number of players will take place.

The new golf course has cost to date \$29,350.16 which money was expended as follows: For the purchase of land \$2,100, for grass seed

estate, rental and sales value seem to have greatly benefited and the lakes as a recreation resort have increased in vogue.

Every city and many other municipalities now maintain parks and recreation places, often at great expense. They have become a necessary part of the expense of government. How much more necessary parks are to a town like Caroga, whose only business is the catering to vacationists who go where their aesthetic or other tastes may be satisfied. It is well to remind those resident in the county and with property interests in both county and town, that the maintenance of this park, in the Caroga Lake region, makes less necessary expensive parks elsewhere in the county. Further, if it benefits the town which is an integral part of the county, it also benefits the county as a whole. Its use is for all, whether residents of the town or not and as the town grows, the county grows.

In property values the town is now 2½ per cent of the total value of the county. No many years ago, it was less than ¼ of 1 per cent of the total and the new property and the new values created, pays its taxes in the county and lessens the taxes paid by other taxpayers.

The automobile makes this region almost as accessible as Main street to the average inhabitants of the cities. And every health reason urged for parks by the State or by the cities applies to this park with added force since it is

Wednesday, July 7, 1931.

## *Caroga to Open New Golfing Nine*

The **Caroga Golf** club at Caroga lake will open its new 9-hole section Saturday. Channing Floyd is professional at the club. The club has had a 9-hole course for some years.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1931

# W. LUCAS AND FRANCIS SMITH WILL CLASH TODAY IN FINALS OF DUREY GOLF TOURNEY

William Kennedy and N. Fitzpatrick Eliminated In Semi-Finals In Play On **Nick Stoner Country Club** Course; Smith Scores An Eagle On Fourth Hole and Turns in Fine Score.

Outgolfing William Kennedy and N. Fitzpatrick, respectively, in the two semi-final matches yesterday afternoon, Francis Smith and W. Lucas won their way to the finals of the Cyrus Durey trophy 18-hole elimination tournament at the **Nick Stoner Country Club** course. Smith and Lucas will clash in the finals at 3 P. M., today, playing 18 holes.

Smith got off to a good starting in yesterday's match. Scoring an Eagle three on the fourth, a 450-yard, par five hole, he ended up with a score of 38-41, the best score of the tournament thus far and one of the best ever made there in tournament play. He won three up and two to play.

Lucas shot steady golf all the way, also winning three up and two to go.

The tourney began last Sunday, with 60 entries playing in the qualifying round. The event is played for the first leg of the attractive trophy, donated by Cyrus Durey, a three-year cup which need not be won three years in succession for permanent possession.

In the tournament, the winner and runner-up will also receive medals.

Plans are made for welcoming a huge crowd this afternoon for the final match.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1932.

## LOCAL GOLFERS QUALIFIED.

## M. J. Cross and Vincent Norris in Nick Stoner Club Tournament.

M. J. Cross and Vincent Norris of Fort Plain, are entered in the second annual Cyrus Durey cup tournament which is being played this week at the Nick Stoner Country club, near Canada lake. Both Mr. Cross and Vincent qualified in the round played on Sunday. Vincent was tied for the second qualifying score with a 76.

The Morning Herald of Gloversville, in its Monday's issue, had the following regarding the tournament:

Jim Denkers of Johnstown, with low score of 40, established the pace yesterday in the qualifying round of the second annual Cyrus Durey cup tournament which got under way with 18 entries for a week of the most exciting golf on the Nick Stoner Country club's 1932 schedule. The play will continue all this week, with the finals tentatively set for next Sunday.

Francis Smith, first winner of the cup in last week's tournament, was not among the entries. He has not chosen to defend the title won last year. But G. L. Lucas, last year's runner-up, will take his place with the qualifiers for the first round of play. He was not required to play in the qualifying round.

The Cyrus Durey cup must be won three times for permanent possession, but not necessarily three successive years.

Fine play marked the qualifying round, indicating that the week will bring forth action of the kind to delight the many fans who are expected to turn out for the matches. Next Sunday's finals probably will draw one of the season's biggest galleries.

V. Norris of Fort Plain and William Kennedy of Johnstown were tied for second low score in yesterday's play, with 76 each.

Other qualifying scores follow: J. Kean, 77; R. Horstman, 78; Robert Gabeler, 79; M. Cross, 80; Russell Inglis, 80; George Rohers, 81; Saunders, 81; Ted Casavant, 82; Ed G. Chapman, 81; J. Butler, 81; H. Duigan, 82; Robert Thyne, 82; Howard Martin, 82; John Evans, 82.

Following are the first-round pairings with handicaps:

Duigan 17 vs. Inglis 15  
 Evans 9 vs. Martin 13  
 Gabeler 15 vs. Cross 20  
 Rohers 12 vs. Saunders 15  
 Casavant 7 vs. Thyne 16  
 Butler 8 vs. Norris 20  
 Kennedy 9 vs. Chapman  
 Kean 18 vs. Denkert 6  
 Lucas 8 vs. Horstman 12.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1932.

# SPECTACULAR SHOT AT 18TH HOLE BRINGS TRIUMPH OVER GEORGE ROHRS OF NEW YORK

## Winner and Runner-Up Play Brilliant Golf to Finish Even at 17th Hole; Tournament Featured by Long Entry List and Outstanding Performances as Big Galleries Witness Event

John Evans of Johnstown won custody of the Cyrus Durey cup in the final match in the 1932 golf tournament on the Nick Stoner Country club links yesterday afternoon when he defeated George Rohrs of New York City one up at the 18th hole. The match, one of the closest in the tournament, was not decided until Evans made a spectacular shot in the green at the 18th hole.

A large gallery followed the play across the links during the afternoon, and both players received considerable applause for a number of unusual shots they made during the play.

Francis Smith of Gloversville won the cup in the 1931 tournament. Evans is the second one to win custody of the cup. The cup becomes the permanent possession of the player who gains custody of it three times.

Besides the cup, Evans was pre-

sented with a gold medal as winner of this year's tournament. Rohrs was presented with a silver medal. The two players shot some sensational golf at times to win their way into the finals. Rohrs defeated Kennedy one up in a close match to enter the finals.

The two players were even as they completed play at the 17th hole yesterday afternoon. Rohrs' drive on the 18th hole went into the rough. He executed a beautiful recovery shot which brought considerable applause from the gallery. Evans played sensational on the last hole, driving his ball over the green to cup the hole by one stroke.

Channing Floyd, pro at the club, declared officials were pleased with the interest taken in the Durey tournament this year. There were more entries than ever before and there have been large galleries on hand each time the players began playing around the links.

APRIL 21, 1933.

## NICK STONER COURSE WILL OPEN ON MAY 1 WITH FLOYD AS PRO

The Nick Stoner golf course at Wheelersville will open Monday, May 1, with Channing Floyd again serving as professional.

A new commission, including Guy Durey, Frank Sherman and Irving Luff, has been named to govern the course during the coming season. The course, inspected by this commission a few days ago, was pronounced in fine condition. Floyd said last night that the greens are in better condition than last year at this time.

When the new water pipes are laid, the greens should rank with the best in this section of the state, the pro declares. The pipe survey was made last fall.

Mr. Floyd is planning many tournaments for the new season, including a pro tournament to be played in June. This will be a 36-hole event, bringing together leading pros of the entire section.

The Durey Cup, now held by John Evans, will be played for in August, and this event will be participated in by leading amateurs of the area. To win the trophy outright, a player must capture it three times, not necessarily in succession. Each time the winner and the runner-up receive medals. Another event already on schedule is the sweepstakes and ladies' tourney, to be played in July.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1933.

## DIRECTORS FOR CLUB TRANSFER

### Board to Turn Over Wheel- erville Inn to Cyrus Durey Estate

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Nick Wagon Country Club** held at the Hotel Johnson last evening, it was voted to transfer the club house at Wheelerville to the estate of Gen. Cyrus Durey.

The action of the board is expected to facilitate matters in the proposed sale of the property, in the event the option held by Gen. E. French and the son, Harold G. French, of this city is taken up.

Negotiations have been under way recently, according to reports for the purchase of the club house by the Johnstown residents at a reported price of \$20,000, in connection with the settlement of the Durey estate.

Mr. Durey gave a large tract of land to the Town of Cassa for a recreation park, a feature of which was a golf course, where a monument to Nick Stobard, the Kentucky liney soldier and Indian fighter has been erected. Certain mortgages were given by the Durey Club as club, now a part of the estate which had to be considered before transferring the property, it is noted.

MAY 3, 1933.

## COMPTROLLER REPORTS ON CHECK-UP OF FISCAL AFFAIRS OF TOWN OF CAROGA

The final report of the investigations of fiscal affairs of the towns of Fulton County, made by representatives of the State Comptroller's office, is announced in a dispatch sent out from Albany yesterday, covering the check-up of the Town of Caroga. **Guy Durey** is the supervisor of the town.

A period from January 1, 1932 to April 3, 1933 is covered in the report while those for the other towns were up to the first of this year. The dispatch follows:

### The State's Report

State Comptroller, Morris S. Tremaine, has approved the following report of investigation into the financial affairs of the town of Caroga, Fulton County, covering the period from January 1, 1932 to April 3, 1933:

#### Assessed Valuation

1931 .....	\$ 995,524.00
1932 .....	1,004,723.00

#### Taxes Levied

1931 .....	\$19,545.79
1932 .....	17,995.55

#### Outstanding Indebtedness

Bonds .....	\$83,000.00
Temporary Loan ....	1,223.31

#### Undertakings Not Filed

Two Justices of the Peace had not filed an official undertaking in the office of the Town Clerk and certificates of the undertakings of Justices of the Peace had not been filed in the office of the County Clerk, except in one instance that being Justice Frank Groshans who had complied with the details of the statute.

In the course of the examination the examiner installed the uniform system cash book.

The Supervisor had erred in relation to a charge for auto hire wherein he had charged at the rate of 8 cents per mile when entitled to only "actual and necessary expenses."

While the accounts of the Supervisor were generally well kept, the audit developed an overpayment of interest at the bank to the extent of \$76 which amount was refunded when attention was called thereto.

The examiner installed a bond register in the office of the Town Clerk during the progress of the examination as the record was incomplete in this respect.

#### Erroneous Fee Charged

An examination of the audited claims disclosed the fact that the Supervisor had charged a fee for the disbursement of highway funds, whereas his allowance in a flat amount is the only compensation to which he is entitled. Another audited claim which should not have been paid represented \$100 "for keeping the books of the Supervisor." This is in no sense a proper Town charge as the Supervisor is presumed to be his own bookkeeper. A similar claim in like amount was submitted by the tax collector for copying assessment book. This is a duty of the assessor and therefore should not have been paid. Other claims not properly itemized were audited and allowed.

One of the most serious disclosures of the examination was the fact that some of the Town officials were interested in contracts with the Town.

#### Illegal Contracts

While the contracts were not large the action of the board was clearly contrary to the provisions of 133 of the Town Laws which prohibits any member of the Town Board from submitting a claim or demand against the Town in which he has a direct or indirect interest, other than for his per diem compensation while acting as a member of the board.

Several claims submitted by the Town Clerk were likewise illegally allowed as illustrated by a charge for services rendered in connection with election matters. Services in this relation should be compensated by the allowance of a flat sum and no fee or per diem charge made therefor.

The Supervisor did not render an accounting on the 28th day of December as required by statute.

## COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY SOLD

### O. E. and H. O. Busch and Harry E. Van Hoff Purchase Stoner Inn

The formal transfer of the club house property of the Nick Stoner Country Club, Inc., at Wheelerville to Oscar E. Busch, his son, Harold O. Busch of this city, and Harry E. Van Hoff of Hudson, took place yesterday morning.

Two deeds were filed with County Clerk E. T. Cross, one given by the Nick Stoner Club, Inc. to Ernest L. Luff and **Guy Durey**, executors of the estate of the late Hon. Cyrus Durey, and the second was from the executors to the Messrs. Busch and Van Hoff. The latter is a brother-in-law of the senior Busch.

The consideration involved was approximately \$20,000 and the new owners plan to conduct an up-to-date summer hotel. Mr. Van Hoff, former hotel man, who at one time was manager of the Metropolitan hotel in Harrisburg, Pa. will be in charge of the dining-room.

The date of the opening has not as yet been definitely decided upon.

The Nick Stoner club was formed a few years ago, at the same time a new recreation park was created in the Town of Caroga, made possible by a substantial gift of land from Mr. Durey. He also held certain mortgages given by the club, in consideration of which the clubhouse property was transferred back to the executors to be disposed of in connection with the settling of the estate.

The transfer was signed by Harold B. Northrup, vice-president, and Judge L. B. Moore, secretary, in behalf of the club, upon permission given in a Supreme Court order signed by Judge Erskine C. Rogers.

AUGUST 18, 1935.

# DUREY TOURNEY TO OPEN TODAY

## Qualifying Round Will Be Played Today and Sunday at Nick Stoner Club

With the finale in the annual Cyrus Durey Cup golf tournament scheduled for Sunday, August 27, the qualifying round of that event will be played today and tomorrow on the Nick Stoner Country club links, Caraga Lake. Sixteen will be qualified for the tourney play.

Those qualifying will continue to match play during next week, the finale furnishing the climax the following Sunday.

John Evans, last year's winner, is the present holder of the Cyrus Durey cup, which must be won three years, not necessarily in succession, for permanent ownership.

This year, as each year, winner and runner-up will receive medals. The entry list this year promises to be unusually large, and the tourney should attract large galleries.

Five former Marquette university football captains will be playing in the National pro grid league this fall—LaVerne, Duvog, Art Bultman, John Risk, Gene Ronsaul and Ken Radick.

There are more than 3,000 airports in the United States.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1933.

## FIFTEEN QUALIFY FOR DUREY CUP PLAY, TRIO TIED FOR 16TH PLACE

Fifteen golf players from this vicinity qualified Saturday and yesterday on the Nick Stoner golf course at Caroga lake to take part in the tourney for possession of the Cyrus Durey cup. Three other players, J. Lesser, Irving Luff and W. Pursell, are tied for 16th place in the qualifying round and will play a special 18-hole match this week to decide which one is to take part in the tourney. William Kennedy, winner of the cup a year ago, failed to qualify.

Channing Floyd, pro at the Nick Stoner club, announced the list of those who qualified yesterday as follows: C. J. Stoner, A. Gabeler, Ed Casavant, George Rohrs, E. J. Duignan, W. Sponenberg, H. Balzano, E. W. Walrath, John Evans, M. Hanson, Gerald Lucas, Ray Finch, William Dean, Dr. Austin Hogan and Morris Hake.

The pairings for the cup tourney to be played over the Nick Stoner course on August 27 have been announced as follows: Stoner vs Gabeler, Casavant vs Rohr, Duignan vs Sponenberg, Balzano vs Walrath, Evans vs Hanson, Lucas vs Finch, Dean vs Dr. Hogan and Hake vs the winner of the special 18 hole match.

NOVEMBER 11, 1935.

# TOWN OF CAROGA AFFAIRS TO BE GIVEN AIRING IN ACTIONS AGAINST FORMER SUPERVISOR

## Litigation Commenced By Town Against Guy Durey to Recover Money Claimed Illegally Paid and to Compel Accounting; Charges Contested and Lively Legal Battle May Be Result of Controversy

Actions have been commenced by the Town of Caroga, this county, against Guy Durey, former supervisor, to recover moneys which it is claimed were illegally paid by Mr. Durey while he was supervisor and to compel him to account.

The actions which it is understood involve the estate of the late Cyrus Durey, to some extent, are being contested by the former supervisor through Attorney Alfred D. Dennison of this city, and has indications of a lively legal battle for the town, it is stated.

### State Makes Audit

Mr. Durey was supervisor of the town for many years until January 1, 1934. In the November, 1933, election Howard Morey was chosen supervisor and proceeded to have the books and records examined. It is claimed that in endeavoring to make an examination he requested the State comptroller to make an audit. A representative of the comptroller's office took the matter up, but claimed that he was unable to make a correct audit because of the manner in which the entries were made, and his inability to find all the necessary records. It is further claimed that Mr. Durey failed and neglected to deliver to his successor, or file with the town clerk upon his expiration of term of office, certain books and records. In October, 1935, upon application by Supervisor Morey to the Supreme Court, an order was obtained directing Mr. Durey to show cause why he should not deliver and file books and records. Before the return of the order certain books and records were filed by him with the town clerk, it is stated. The town claims that an examination of the records show that Mr. Durey presented claims against the town for materials furnished and services performed, and that as a member of the Town Board, he acted as an auditor of these bills and that he issued orders therefore and collected the proceeds. It is further claimed that

these acts were in violation of the law which prohibits a public officer from contracting with the town. That action is brought to recover \$2,757.87.

The town further claims that it is unable to determine from the books and records the state of the supervisor's accounts because the various funds are not classified and it cannot be determined from the manner in which the records have been kept how much money was received in the various funds and the proper charges against the various funds of the town.

### Golf Course Land

Among those in question is an item of \$4,000, which the town authorized to be raised and expended for the purchase of additional lands to extend a golf course, and for equipment, \$4,000 of which was to be used for the purchase of lands. The records show that only \$2,100 was paid for the purchase of lands, but the town contends that it is unable to determine from the records how the remaining \$1,900 was expended. The town also contends that lands were used in extending the golf course which Cyrus Durey agreed to convey to the town without compensation, but that during his lifetime he never made the conveyance, although Guy Durey, his brother, was supervisor. It is further claimed that although the town did not have title to the land, that Mr. Durey, as supervisor, improved the Cyrus Durey land as a part of the golf course and expended a large amount of town moneys in so doing and in improving it and in maintaining it. The town claims that it cannot determine from the books and records how much was expended in improving and maintaining these lands and it is necessary for that and other reasons stated in the complaint for Mr. Durey to render an account of his annual receipts, which amounted to more than \$20,000 and his disbursements.

The town is represented in the matter by Judge Charles E. Hardies of Amsterdam.

### Town Board Audits

The defense alleges, it is stated, that each and every action by the former supervisor was legal and had the approval of town officials. It was stated that the town board consisting of Frank Sherman, Bert Foster, Fay Gage and Frank Groshans approved of the items on the bills and the expenditures were authorized and further that reports were made to the state and examined by state examiners. It is also contended that an amount is still owing the Cyrus Durey estate in connection with land matters and affairs of the town are to be scrutinized under a later regime.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1936.

# WHEELERVILLE LINKS TO OPEN

## Nick Stoner Golf Course Improved Under WPA Ready Saturday

With 50 relief workers bringing the Nick Stoner golf course into shape this week after a complete landscaping of the county's only 18-hole lay-out under a WPA project, Channing Floyd, supervising professional, yesterday announced the official opening for Saturday of this week.

Memberships have reached a historic high for the popular Caroga Lake course and 1936 season golfers will be aided through their routines by a novel and copyrighted map of the entire course, printed on the reverse side of the score card. The map is original with Mr. Floyd and is believed to be new to this section, at least.

Fairways on all 18 holes have been tuned up and blind-ditched. Stones in great quantities have been removed from the path of the drivers and new double grass tees have been installed at the 4th, 6th, 8th, 15th and 18th holes.

The new drainage system is the work of A. H. McCaffrey of Syracuse, landscape architect, and will permit immediate play after rains.

The 17th hole has been lengthened to 140 feet, making the total distance of the course 5,645 feet. The first nine measures, 3,015 and the second, 2,630. The longest distance on the course is from the second to the third holes, 527 feet on the first nine and 500 feet from the 15th to 16th on the second nine.

The bane of most Nick Stoner golfer's existence, black flies and mosquitoes, has been eliminated through the removal of the dense growth of underbrush bordering the fairways and rough. Although some work remains to be done in separated portions of the course, play will not be impeded.

New rustic bridges have been swung across all open ditches and rustic benches of spruce, measuring eight feet and weighing 300 pounds have been placed at all tees.

Three new tennis courts have been installed on the former site of the sport and the entire system rivals anything at 18-holes in this section of the state. The Nick Stoner course is the only full course between Amsterdam and Utica.

Among the events listed on the large tournament calendar for the season are the annual Ladies' tourney, play for the Nick Stoner Cup and play for the Cyrus Durey cup in addition to internal match play and other daily features.

Additional lockers have been installed in the renovated and re-decorated club house and a modern ladies' dressing room has been constructed.

Mr. Floyd is starting his seventh year as supervisor of the Nick Stoner course and he is looking forward to one of his best years in the business.

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# CLUB TOURNEYS ARE ANNOUNCED

## Cyrus Durey Cup Event Tops List Planned for Nick Stoner Golf Club

Heading a list of 10 Nick Stoner Golf Club tournaments, the qualifying rounds for the Cyrus Durey Cup, handicap tourney for club members will begin Saturday or Sunday of the approaching holiday week-end. William F. Dean, chairman of the Golf committee at the popular Wheelerville course, said yesterday.

The Fulton County Amateur Open Championships will be staged during the week of July 25 to July 26.

The principal events listed for the season are:

**The Cyrus Durey Cup**—A handicap tournament for club members.

Qualifying rounds to be played on either Saturday, July 6, or Sunday, July 6.

Eighteen hole match play elimination rounds to be played from Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10.

Eighteen hole match play final on Saturday, July 11.

**Ladies Day**—On Wednesday, July 15, all women members of the Sir William Johnson Country Club, the Sandaga Park Golf Club, and the Kingsboro Golf Club are invited to play as guests of the Nick Stoner Golf Club.

Prizes will be given for low scores, blind scores, etc.

**Fulton County Amateur Championship**—An open tournament for all Fulton County amateur players.

All entries for this tournament must be in by Wednesday, July 15.

Qualifying rounds to be played on either Monday, July 20, or Tuesday, July 21. The low sixteen to qualify.

Eighteen hole match play elimination rounds to be played on Wednesday, July 23 through Saturday, July 25. Final 36 hole match play on Sunday, July 26.

**The Nick Stoner Cup**—A handicap for club members.

Qualifying rounds to be played on either Saturday, Aug. 1 or Sunday, Aug. 2.

Eighteen hole match play elimination rounds to be played from Monday, Aug. 3 through Friday, Aug. 7.

Final 18 hole match play on Saturday, Aug. 8.

**Ladies Tournament**—A handicap tournament for club members.

Qualifying rounds to be played on either Saturday, Aug. 6 or Sunday, Aug. 6.

Eighteen hole match play elimination rounds to be played from Monday, Aug. 10, through Friday, Aug. 14.

Final 18 hole match play on Saturday, Aug. 15.

# NORRIS WINNER OF DUREY CUP

## Fort Plain Golfer Defeats Walrath of Johnstown by 79 to 83 Score

Shooting nice golf Saturday afternoon in spite of a rain-swept course that made easy strokes hazardous, Vincent Norris of Fort Plain defeated Delos Walrath of Johnstown on the Nick Stoner Country Club course to take the Cy Durey cup for the present season, 1-up on the last green. He shot a 79 to Walrath's 83.

Walrath got off to a bad start and was three down at the end of the first nine holes. He steadied after that and evened the count on the fifteenth green, then went ahead to take the sixteenth and lead for the first time during the match. Norris came through with two nice pars to take the match and the cup, Walrath going one over par on each hole.

The scoring:

Out—Norris	446	545	454—41
Walrath	546	646	563—45
In —Norris	534	456	434—38
Walrath	426	356	345—38

Norris played consistent golf all through the tourney, carding scores under 80 on each day of competition. A large gallery followed the two finalists and spectators commented freely on the superb play put up by both men.

The Durey cup must be won three times, not necessarily in succession, in order that the winner may retain permanent possession. Gerald Lucas, last year's winner, now has two legs on the award.

Announcement was made last night that there are 30 men signed to compete in the Fulton County championship, which starts today on the Wheelerville links. It is an all-scratch play tourney.

# \$10,256 GIVEN FOR 4 COUNTY WPA PROJECTS

**Curve in Oppenheim to be  
Eliminated and Caroga  
Golf Course Reconditioned**

**ONE IN GLOVERSVILLE**

**Education Board Work to  
be Continued; \$705 Pro-  
vided for Broadalbin Job**

Federal funds amounting to \$10,256.31 have been set aside for four WPA projects in Fulton County, according to an announcement made this week by Lester W. Herzog, upstate administrator. The projects are located in the Towns of Caroga, Oppenheim and Broadalbin and in Gloversville. The three towns and the Board of Education in Gloversville have set aside \$6,892.000 to carry on the projects.

#### To Eliminate Curve

The government has granted \$4,932 for the elimination of the curve on county highway No. 114 in Oppenheim, according to word received by William L. Keller, Fulton County WPA manager. The town set aside \$4,153 making a total of expenditure on the project of \$9,085. It is estimated this will provide 23 men with employment over a period of four months.

The government also has approved a grant of \$1,284 to continue the work started in the Gloversville Public schools. The Board of Education is setting aside \$116 for the work, making a total expenditure of \$1,400. Twenty-one men will be given employment for one month.

The government has set aside \$3,770 for labor and \$732.19 for material and equipment to be used in reconditioning the golf course in the Town of Caroga. The town has provided \$846.12 making a total expenditure of \$5,348.31. It is estimated the job will provide 37 men with work over a period of two months.

The sum of \$705.40 has been granted by the government for the drainage of Mill street in Broadalbin. The Village Board has appropriated \$609.60 to carry on the work. The contract will give 13 men work over a period of one month.

#### Survey Being Pushed

Mr. Keller was informed yesterday by Francis X. Riley, district

director of the WPA located in Glens Falls, that the survey among WPA workers in this district is being pushed forward. Only worthy relief cases are to be provided with work in Fulton County. Mr. Riley said yesterday as a result of the investigation additional cases of qualified workers are being certified each day by municipal and county home relief agencies.

It is expected the survey in this district, which embraces Clinton Franklin, Fulton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties, will take from four to six weeks. There are nearly 7,000 persons employed in these counties at the present time on WPA projects. The investigation will not include the administrative forces.

A network of roads is being constructed in eastern Siberia. During the present year 282 miles of new high-speed roads have been opened and 1864 miles of old road put into first class condition in this territory.

Three thousand young swallows suffering from the cold of an early winter, recently were flown by plane from Vienna to Venice, Italy, where they were released.

# FLOYD MAKING PLANS TO OPEN STONER COURSE

## Hard-Hitting Pro Arranging Schedules and Planning Season's Activities

### IMPROVEMENTS MADE

#### Work is Progressing on Fairways of "New" Nine Holes at Wheelerville

Channing, Floyd, hard-hitting professional golfer of this vicinity is back on the job at the Nick Stoner Golf Club at Wheelerville, and is already at work planning schedules and arrangements for the season which is close at hand. Mr. Floyd said last night that several improvements have been made to the club course, which include the placing of a new No. 9 green, and work is going forward on the fairways on the "new" nine holes. An expansive tournament schedule is planned for the Summer.

#### Taught Dory Golfers

During the past Winter "Chari" was in charge of the golf school at a large Schenectady store and was golf coach for the Dory Y. M. C. A., putting in many hours of instruction during the "closed" season. Floyd, incidentally, is a strong advocate of standardization in golf instruction and has written several articles on the topic, in which connection he authored the booklet entitled "The Little Golf Teacher."

Floyd, who is well known among golfers in this area, is a Class A member of the Professional Golfers' Association and has designed a number of courses. He designed and had charge of the construction work on the Champlain Country Club course at Ausable Chasm, the Arcadia Country Club course at Lake George, the private course of Miss Edie Mae, the actress, at Chappaque, N. Y., the private course of Adolph Leuzohn at Long Branch, N. J., and the large indoor course at Atlantic, N. J.

#### Won Fame as Pro

He has won considerable fame as a pro golfer, having twice copped the championship of Greater New York and once carried off the laurels in the Westchester County Championship at the Wykagyl Country Club and the Pelham Bay championships of New York.

In his spare time Mr. Floyd has invented a cigar lighter which may be attached to any club and a golf ball washing machine which both cleans and dries the spheres.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1938.

# LITIGATION INVOLVING ESTATE OF CYRUS DUREY AND CAROGA GOLF COURSE LANDS SETTLED

## Legal Actions Started in 1935 Against Former Supervisor and Others Adjusted According to Announcement Yesterday; Residents of Town Secure Rights to Additional Land and Water

Settlement has been made in the two actions brought in 1935 by the Town of Caroga against Guy Durey, former supervisor, involving accountings and also claims for repayment of moneys which it was claimed had been paid out by him while supervisor, also the claim of the Town of Caroga against the Cyrus Durey estate for the conveyance of lands relating to the golf course in that town, according to announcement yesterday.

The Town claimed that during the lifetime of Cyrus Durey, he had agreed to give and convey lands required for an additional nine holes course in that town.

Former Supervisor Guy Durey claimed that the payments made by him as supervisor, were legal and proper payments. The estate contended that the late Cyrus Durey did not intend to give the lands to the town, but that he expected compensation therefor. Mr. Durey died without giving a deed.

According to the announcement, it was found by making a survey of the first nine holes that the lands described in the deed originally given by Cyrus Durey, did not cover all of the first nine holes of golf, that additional lands were being used and that a part of the lands which had been laid out and used for the second nine holes had previously been conveyed by Cyrus Durey to Oscar Busch of Johnstown and Wheelerville, and the description of the lands whereon the golf house was located did not include all the lands the Town desired.

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The Town also desired certain water rights which were necessary in the use of the golf course, it is stated. The Town has expended \$2,100 for other lands, besides several thousand dollars in maintaining the course and raised \$4,000 by bond issue, according to the report.

Negotiations have been pending for a considerable length of time, it is stated, and numerous conferences were held between the parties in order to adjust the existing differences.

The settlement arrived at gives to the Town of Caroga all the rights and lands required and used in maintaining the golf course and additional lands necessary for the golf house and certain water rights, it is said.

The Town paid to the Durey Estate the sum of \$650.00 for the additional lands and water rights.

The actions against Cyrus Durey have been discontinued without costs.

Judge Charles E. Hardies of Amsterdam, was attorney for the Town of Caroga and Alfred D. Dennison was attorney for Cyrus Durey and the Durey estate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1938.

# Town of Caroga Litigation Is Finally Ended

## Actions Involving Estate of Cyrus Durey and Golf Course, Also Former Su- pervisor Are Settled

Settlement has been made in the two actions brought in 1935 by the Town of Caroga against Guy Durey, former supervisor, involving accountings and also claims for repayment of money which it was claimed had been paid out by him while supervisor, and also the claim of the Town of Caroga against the **Cyrus Durey** estate for the conveyance of lands relating to the golf course. The town claimed that during the lifetime of **Cyrus Durey** he had agreed to give additional lands required for an additional nine holes. Guy Durey claimed that the payments made by him as supervisor were legal and proper payments and the estate contended that **Cyrus Durey** did not intend to give the lands to the town, but that he expected compensation therefor. Mr. Durey died without giving a deed.

It was found by making a survey of the first nine holes that the town had no title to or deed of the lands used and developed at the expense of the town of the second nine holes of the golf course; that the lands described in the deed originally given by **Cyrus Durey** did not cover all of the first nine holes of golf and that additional lands were being used and that a part of the lands laid out and used for the second nine holes had previously been conveyed to Harold Bush by **Durey** or his estate; that the description of the lands whereon the golf house was located did not include all the lands the town desired and that the town also desired certain water rights which were necessary in the use of the golf course.

The town expended \$18,000, raised by bond issue, in addition to several thousands of dollars in maintaining the golf course during the

lifetime of **Cyrus Durey**, although it did not have title to all of the lands used.

Negotiations have been pending for a considerable length of time and numerous conferences were held between the parties in order to adjust the existing differences. The town, by deeds delivered in the settlement, now has full title to all the lands and rights required and used in maintaining the golf course and additional lands necessary for the golf house and certain water rights. The town has paid to the **Durey** estate the sum of \$650 for the additional lands and water rights.

The actions against **Cyrus Durey** have been discontinued, without costs, and Mr. **Durey** relieved from all further liability to the town.

Judge Charles E. Hardies of Amsterdam was attorney for the Town of Caroga, and Alfred D. Dennison, Johnstown, was attorney for **Cyrus Durey** and the **Durey** estate.

**DEEDS RECORDED  
BY COUNTY CLERK**

Guy Durey and Ernest L. Luff as executors of last Will and Testament of Cyrus Durey, Town of Caroga to Oscar E. Busch and Harold O. Busch, Johnstown, land, Town of Caroga.

Oscar E. Busch and Harold O. Busch, Johnstown, to Guy Durey and Ernest L. Luff, as executors of the last Will and Testament of Cyrus Durey, Town of Caroga, land, Town of Caroga.

Guy Durey and Ernest L. Luff as executors of last Will and Testament of Cyrus Durey, Town Caroga to Oscar E. Bush and Harold O. Bush, Johnstown, land, Town of Caroga.

Oscar E. Bush and Harold O. Bush, Johnstown, to Guy Durey and Ernest L. Luff, as executors of the last<sup>6</sup> Will and Testament of Cyrus Durey, Town Caroga, land, Town of Caroga.

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Alfred D. Dennison, Johnstown, to Guy Durey and Ernest L. Luff, as executors of last Will and Testament of Cyrus Durey, Town of Caroga, land, Town Caroga.

The Broadalbin Bank, Broadal-

JULY 11, 1933

# New York Man Named President Of New Nick Stoner Golf Club Organized Saturday Evening

## Announcement Made of Qualifying Round for 3 Tournaments Planned During the Summer

The Nick Stoner Golf Club was organized and officers for the first year were elected, at a meeting of golfers who use the Nick Stoner course at Wheelersville, in the Town of Caroga, held Saturday night in the clubhouse. The officers are as follows:

President—A. H. McCaffrey, New York City.

Vice-president—Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Gloverville.

Treasurer—Howard Mory, Caroga Lake.

Secretary—William L. Kennedy, Jr., Johnstown.

Board of Governors—Bert H. Brower, Canajoharie; William F. Dean, Gloverville; James Green, Dolgeville; Dr. Guy Houghton, Canajoharie; Burt Keller, Fort Plain; Edward Mochrie, Schenectady; Vincent Norria, Fort Plain; J. Burton Streetor, Johnstown; Mrs. Mary Wain, Caroga Lake.

The purpose of the new club is to promote social as well as golfing activities among the men and women who play this popular lake course, and at the same time obtain for them the courtesies and privileges of other courses by affiliating with the United States Golf Association and the Eastern New York Golf Association.

Channing Floyd, pro of the Nick Stoner course, was named temporary chairman of the meeting.

The nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Gloverville; Loran Cross, Fort Plain; Burt Keller, Fort Plain, and the Rev. E. H. James, Canajoharie. The slate of officers as proposed by this committee was unanimously elected.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. All present members of the Nick Stoner Club are eligible to membership in the new club by the payment of a nominal fee.

Announcement was made that the qualifying rounds for the Cyrus Durry cup tourney will be held July 21 to 24, in the ladies tourney for the Nick Stoner trophy July 21 and August 2, and for the Nick Stoner Inn cup, August 21 to 23.

The handicap committee consists of Vincent Norria, Fort Plain; Burt Keller, Fort Plain; William F. Dean, Gloverville; Dr. Guy Houghton, Canajoharie, and James Green, Dolgeville.

JULY 14, 1938

## Local Men Named To Board of Governors Of Nick Stoner Club

Attorney Bert H. Brower and Dr. Guy Houghton were elected members of the Board of Governors of the newly-formed Nick Stoner Golf Club at the first meeting in the Wheelerville clubhouse Saturday night.

The purpose of the new club is to promote social as well as golfing activities among the men and women who play this lake course, and to obtain for them the courtesies and privileges of other courses by affiliating with the United States Golf Association and the Eastern New York Golf Association.

All present members of the Nick Stoner Club are eligible to membership in the new club by the payment of a nominal fee.

Announcement was made that the qualifying rounds for the Cyrus Dury cup tourney will be held July 21 to 24, in the ladies tourney for the Nick Stoner trophy, July 31 and August 1, and for the Nick Stoner Inn cup, August 17 to 20.

The handicap committee consists of Vincent Norris, Port Platin; Burr Keller, Port Platin; William F. Dean, Groversville; Dr. Guy Houghton, Canajoharie; and James Green, Dolgeville.

# Tarrytown Man Named Head of Lake Golf Club

## Finals in Tournament Between Ted Casavant and Francis Smith to Be Played Over Holiday

The annual meeting of the Nick Stoner Golf Club was held last evening in the clubhouse at Wheelerville when officers for the coming year were elected and standing committees appointed.

A. H. McCaffrey of North Tarrytown was re-elected president; Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Groversville, vice-president; Channing Floyd, club pro, treasurer, and William L. Kennedy, Jr., Johnstown, secretary.

Superintendent Howard Murray of Caroga Lake declined re-election as treasurer because of the fact he is also treasurer of the Caroga Recreation Park.

The Board of Governors was re-named as follows: Bert H. Brower and Dr. Guy Houghton, Canajoharie; William F. Dean, Groversville; James Green, Dolgeville; Burt Keller and Vincent Norcia, Fort Plain; Edward Mackie, Schenectady; J. Burton Streeter, Johnstown; and Mrs. Mary West, Caroga Lake.

The nominating committee consisted of Walter C. Sponenberg, Johnstown; Ted Crozier, Canajoharie; Mrs. Bess Keller, Fort Plain; and Mrs. Pauline Dean, Groversville.

William F. Dean was named chairman of the Handicap committee and other committees for the coming year were appointed as follows:

Tournament and Golf - Guy Houghton, Jr., Canajoharie; Burt Keller, Fort Plain; J. B. Streeter, Johnstown; Clay B. O'Dell, Canada Lake; Miss Mary Parnack, Canada Lake; James A. Green, Dolgeville.

Entertainment - Mrs. Pauline Dean, Groversville, chairman; Mrs. Bess Keller, Fort Plain; Walter C. Sponenberg, Johnstown; and John Williamson, Norwood, Mass.

A number of suggestions and recommendations were brought up and discussed for making improvements to the course, also for next year's golfing activities.

The meeting was well attended and at the conclusion, supper was served.

The finale in the Nick Stoner Cup tourney between Francis Smith of Groversville and Ted Casavant of Albany, will be played over the holiday weekend. Casavant won the Cyrus Butte cup tourney held a few weeks ago.

# Channing Floyd Opens 25th Year in County

## Nick Stoner Pro Says a Few Words About Teaching as He Starts Season at Lake Course

"The most common fault of a golfer in the first stages of learning the game is pressing—trying to hit too hard. Such a golfer can't tolerate success. The next most common error is failure to keep an eye on the ball."

The spokesman for those words of wisdom in connection with the game which attracts millions to outdoor life during fair weather, is **Channing Floyd**, pro at Nick Stoner Club at Caroga Lake, who is qualified to speak, having served many years as a golf professional, studied the game from every angle, won many golfing honors and designed several courses.

"A beginner should obtain first of the proper grip and stance. The swing then should be made to conform to his stance and to proper gripping, which most likely will be the overlapping style, the most commonly accepted and approved today," said Mr. Floyd.

### 25 Years in County

Floyd is observing his 25th year as a professional in Fulton County, having served the first 14 at Sacandaga Park and is now beginning his 11th at Caroga Lake. Yesterday the veteran professional opened this season's competition at the Troy County Club, where the members of the Northeastern P.G.A. were hosts to the women of the Capital District.

A veteran campaigner, Floyd was twice winner of the Greater New York championship, former titlist of the Westchester Country Club and of the Wykagyl Country Club. He is author of "The Little Golf Teacher," and holds the course record at the Caroga Lake layout with a blazing round of 86 for the 18 holes.

### Taught 374 Pupils

During the last Winter season, Floyd gave instructions to 374 pupils in Schenectady in addition to the numerous private lessons he gave at clubs. Bad weather during a large part of the Winter held the attendance at his schools down.

At present Floyd is seeking to have the P.G.A. bring about a change in the rules which would make every professional give standard instructions while the golfer is still in the stage of learning fundamentals. On this subject he says:

"I believe it would be a great thing for the game if all the golf professionals would agree upon some standard method of instructing beginners. We all know that after one becomes experienced in golf it may become necessary, in attaining the best results, to change one's swing, stance or grip slightly, but at the beginning there is no reason why everybody shouldn't be taught the same fundamentals.

"As it is now, there are too many different ways of teaching. One professional teaches the open stance, while another teaches the square. One teaches the overlapping grip, while another tells his pupils not to overlap, and still another may recommend the interlocking grip. One starts the pupil with the full swing with the wood, and another starts with the chip shot, or maybe the putter. And so it goes until all the features of the game are covered.

### Too Many Methods

"All this would not be so bad if every beginner would never take lessons from more than one professional. That would mean that he would not be changing from one method to another. But in the majority of the cases the golfer gains his knowledge from more than one instructor. It frequently happens that he takes lessons, at different periods, from half a dozen or more.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1940

**Nick Stoner Course**

The Nick Stoner golf course, named after the hardy scout of Colonial days, is situated in the Town of Caroga and offers additional recreational facilities to residents of Gloversville and the vicinity.

The club, which is conducted as a municipal project, is the outgrowth of an offer by the late Cyrus Durey to contribute a large portion of land if the town would authorize the expenditure of money to establish a golf course, park and playgrounds. This was done, with the result that nine holes was constructed and several tennis courts provided. A caddy house also was set up.

Within a few years, Mr. Durey again contributed a large parcel of land on the opposite side of the road and a second nine holes was constructed.

Fred Allen was the first professional at the course and he was succeeded by the present pro, **Channing Floyd**, who has served a number of years.

# John Williamson Takes Durey Golf Trophy to Norwood, Mass.

Visitor at Caroga Lake Winner of Durey Cup in Finals With Casavant of Albany—1940 Winner Now Has Two Legs on Trophy

By WILLIAM EVANS

Shunted about for nearly a decade to adorn sportsmen's cabinets in many homes throughout the east, the Cyrus Durey cup presented by Caroga Lake's Nick Stoner Golf course to club champions will travel again this year to Norwood, Mass., a suburb of Boston, in the custody of the 26-year-old flaming redhead, John Williamson.

With nine pars and one birdie in seventeen holes yesterday afternoon, Williamson, the favorite of a gallery approximating 100 golf enthusiasts at Channing Floyd's tricky 18-hole layout, punched out a 2 and 1 victory over the veteran Ted Casavant, Albany High School teacher who annexed the trophy last year.

It was sweet revenge for Williamson as he atoned for a defeat, one down on the 18th hole, last year to Casavant. His drives long and accurate for the most part and his approaches oftentimes pulling him out of trouble, Williamson had to wait until the short 13th before he could take a permanent lead.

## Unique feature

A unique feature of the closely contested match was that the competitors played nine holes before halving one. Williamson won the first, fourth, sixth and seventh, while Casavant captured the second, third, fifth and eighth. With two putts each on the ninth, they divided the hole with par threes.

Williamson drove straight and accurate on the 365-yard 10th, hit near the green with a seven iron and was down in two more shots to win the hole from Casavant who veered to the right on his first two swings and missed a fairly short putt to lose a tie.

A one-over-par four on the 160-yard 11th was good enough to even the match for the defending champion as Williamson dubbed a two-foot putt. With a chance to assume the lead again on the 12th, Casavant went one over regulation figures to allow Williamson to gain a tie. Williamson hooked his drive into the rough, was short of the green in two more shots and then required an approach and three putts for a six and a half.

On the 125-yard 13th, Casavant clubbed to the right of the carpet into the rocky woods while the challenger landed his tee shot on the green. Casavant's approach skidded across the green and he required three more shots to win the cup. Williamson two-putted for a par three and the lead.

## Trouble On 14th

After halving the 14th with a five and with a chance to increase the margin, Williamson got into trouble with his power-laden long shot on the 500-yard 15th. His drive of about 275 yards gave him an edge in distance over Casavant. The latter's second shot was much short of the green and to the right. Whaling away for a second time, Williamson overdrove the green with a long brassie shot and was left with a difficult up-hill approach.

Casavant's third shot was to the left of the green. Williamson hit his approach easy and it rolled hard down the embankment. His next attempt was within five feet of the hole, while Casavant's approach was much too short. By one swing, Williamson increased his lead.

A gallant attempt by Casavant to come back on the next two holes

failed as he could get no better than an even par on the 16th and 17th to match the shotmaking of Williamson. The Albany teacher lipped the cup on the 17th with his second shot—a putt—but the ball declined to drop.

Taking into consideration the five the competitors obtained on the 18th after the match was over, Williamson carded an even 80 with a brace of 40s. Casavant went out in 40 and back in 43 for an 83.

## Two for Williamson

The victory gave Williamson two legs on the cup which he won first in 1937. To reach the finals he defeated Francis Smith of Gloversville. Casavant scored a three-up victory over Loren Cross, Jr., St. Johnsville musician, to enter the title play.

William I. Kennedy of Johnstown, victor of Williamson in an earlier match in the tournament when the titian-haired youth registered a 49, two under par, for the 18, served as official scorekeeper, and Club Professional Floyd acted as referee.

Par—Out	4 2 5 4 4 3 4 3 36
Williamson—	
Out	3 3 6 5 4 4 5 3 3 40
Casavant—	
Out	3 3 5 6 3 5 6 4 3 40
Par—In	4 3 5 3 4 5 4 3
Williamson—	
In	4 5 6 3 5 5 4 3
Casavant—	
In	5 4 6 5 5 6 4 3

FEBRUARY 5, 1941.

# Annual Financial Report of The Supervisor of the Town of Caroga County of Fulton

FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1940

TAX LEVIES	
General levy—to Supervisor	\$ 7,699.71
Highway levy—to Supervisor	4,201.49
General and highway—to County Treasurer	17,599.29

Total tax levies \$39,500.49

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS AT CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR	
Caroga Park Bonds—To develop and build Caroga Recreation Park:	
Series A—Issued March 1, 1925	\$ 4,000.00
Series B—Issued August 2, 1925	11,000.00
Series C—Issued February 5, 1927	21,000.00
Series D—Issued July 1, 1930	18,000.00
Temporary tax loan	3,004.44
Machinery Certificates of Indebtedness—Highway	2,525.00
Temporary tax loan—snow fund	5,000.00

Total town indebtedness \$59,529.44

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS	
General property taxes	\$11,524.19
Mortgage taxes	698.28
Income taxes	576.74
Alcoholic beverage taxes	594.29
Dog licenses	107.51
Feeding licenses	281.75
Billiard licenses	2.50
Fines and penalties	128.00
Caroga Recreation Park	7,402.75
Reimbursement—State Welfare	79.18
Temporary tax loan	3,094.44

Total Receipts—General and Park Funds \$24,500.65

SCHOOL FUND:	
State Apportionment—District 3, North Bush	\$ 2,265.53

Total Receipts—School Fund \$ 2,265.53

HIGHWAY FUND:	
Item 1—Highway tax	\$ 2,700.00
State Aid	1,632.75
Item 2—Bridges Fund Tax	100.00
Item 3—Machinery Tax	3,263.14
Debt for bonds	111.00
Item 4—Snow and Miscellaneous Tax	3,450.00
Certificate of Indebtedness	500.00
Transfer from Bridges Fund	68.88

Total Receipts—Highway Fund \$11,125.67

Total Receipts—All Funds \$37,901.85

BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR:	
General and Park Funds	\$ 801.12
School Fund	
Highway Fund	289.08

Total Balances \$ 1,090.20

GRAND TOTAL \$38,791.64

DISBURSEMENTS	
GENERAL FUND:	
Publishing reports	\$ 14.00
Notices published	41.38
TOWN COUNCILMEN:	
Supervisor:	
Per diem compensation	44.14
Percentage on moneys paid out	255.22
Office expense	14.80
TOWN CLERK:	
Per diem compensation	88.28
Compensation for election services	75.00
Office expense	40.00
Supplies	21.00
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	
Per diem compensation	300.36
Fees	101.80
Supplies	2.00
ASSESSORS:	
Compensation of assessors	1,652.40
Printing assessment rolls	21.00
ELECTIONS:	
Compensation of election officials	209.56
Supplies	1.74
TAX COLLECTOR:	
Business and notices published	70.64
TOWN HALL:	
Light	75.00
INSURANCE and BONDS:	
NEW YORK STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	373.49
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:	
Deputy sheriff's fees	12.70
Forest fire expense	2.00
CONSERVATION OF HEALTH:	
Health Officer—compensation	300.00
Health Officer—Traveling expense	88.20
Supplies for inhalator	7.51
Registrar of vital statistics	24.38
HIGHWAY LIGHTING	1,974.54
PUBLIC WELFARE OFFICER	150.00
HOME RELIEF	359.18
EDUCATION:	
Attendance officer	50.00
CAROGA RECREATION PARK:	
Compensation and wages of employees	3,475.55
Purchase of equipment	470.32
Repairs and improvements	728.08
Other expense	144.18
Interest Caroga Park Bonds	429.00
CEMETERIES	7.00
INDEBTEDNESS and INTEREST:	
Redemption of Park Bonds:	
Series A No. 14	1,000.00
Series B No. 9	1,000.00
Series C No. 8	1,000.00
Series D No. 7	1,000.00
Interest Park Bonds	1,843.78
Temporary Tax Loan	4,450.19
Interest on Tax Loan	47.29

Total General Fund Disbursements \$12,132.14

SCHOOL FUND:	
District 3 North Bush—State Aid	\$ 2,265.53

Total School Fund Disbursements \$ 2,265.53

HIGHWAY FUND:	
Item 1—General repairs	\$ 2,177.76
Item 2—Bridges	164.81
Item 3—Machinery:	
Certificate of indebtedness and interest	1,800.00
Repair of tools and machinery	1,881.80
Storage of machinery	18.87
Item 4—Snow and Miscellaneous:	
Removing obstructions caused by snow	1,545.14
Cutting weeds and brush	447.60
Other miscellaneous purposes	42.01
Salary—Town Superintendent	1,715.70
Salary—Supervisor	150.00
Salary—Town Clerk	125.00

Total Highway Disbursements \$10,632.53

Total Disbursements—All Funds \$35,029.60

Balances at end of fiscal year:	
General and Park Funds	\$ 3,977.04
School Fund	
Highway Fund	782.56

Total Balances \$ 4,759.60

GRAND TOTAL \$38,791.64

Respectfully submitted,  
HOWARD MOREY, Supervisor.

# Francis Smith Presented Two Cups as Nick Stoner Club Golfers Gather for Dinner

## Gloversville Golfer Has Nick Stoner Cup and Two Legs on the Cyrus Durey Trophy

A bespectacled Gloversville golfer who started chasing the little white ball around courses in this section more than a decade ago was the honor guest at a dinner for Nick Stoner Club members at the Inn Saturday night to receive two trophies signifying the most successful season of his career during which he scored a grand slam in the two major tournaments.

That golfer, Francis Smith, had gained the signal distinction just a few hours earlier through a 5-4 victory over Dick Wilson, also of this city, in the finals of the annual handicap tournament at Onarga Lake for the Nick Stoner Club cup. To prove his mettle Francis was only two over par at the end of the 18th, where the match was concluded.

### Two Legs On Durey Cup

The Nick Stoner Inn cup will be his for permanent possession but he must continue his streak which started with the handicap tournament last year to gain title to the Cyrus Durey trophy, offered to the golfer obtaining three victories in the club championship played from scratch. His only hope is that his next victory in the Durey tourney will not be as far apart as his first and second—a period of ten years.

Just a decade ago—when the cup was new and untarnished—Francis won the tournament and his name was the first inscribed on the trophy. Since that time he has seen John Williamson, Norwood Mass., and Vincent Norris, Fort Plain, two of his victims in this season's play, and Gerald Lucas, Dever Plains High school principal each win two legs on the cup. Now Smith is on even terms with them and in a psychological position to retire the award in 1942.

Smith started his victory march last August when he defeated Bill Kennedy, Johnstown, in the final of the handicap tournament. He continued this season with a triumph in the club championship and completed his conquest with his second successive victory in the handicap affair. He did not compete in the 72-hole medal play tournament this season.

### Tip Top Battle

Over the wind-swept layout Saturday, before a fair-sized gallery, Smith went to an early lead by winning the first two holes with par figures. He halved the third and lost the fourth as Dick took advantage of a stroke handicap allotted on each of those two holes. Smith won the sixth with another par to go two up and held the advantage as they completed 15 holes. Francis won the 11th with another par and took the 13th on 18th with pars as Wilson began to press and had to be content with bogies and lastly defeat by the 5-margin.

Both golfers completed the 18, the winner carding a 73, two over par. The runner-up had an 81 through a 41-40. Smith was over par on the ninth with a bogie four, the tenth with a bogie five and he par-three 17th with a four. He birdied the 500-yard 15th, the first hole after the match had been concluded. Playing from scratch, he gave strokes to Wilson on the third, fourth and 13th and was credited to yield a fourth on the 5th.

Smith had little real difficulty in moving in the finals, winning in

bers during the week, Dorothy Leavitt was elected president to succeed Mary Pannack. She also will be chairman of the handicap committee in 1942. Mrs. Helen Buckbee was elected chairman of the Tournament committee.

Over was starovsky, Jr., a 12-handicap player.

### Wilson Did Great Job

Wilson, ordinarily a weekend golfer, was extended in his four matches to reach the finals, being aided into extra holes by two competitors. Late rallies brought Dick into the winner in these close matches played in the late afternoon at the conclusion of a day's work. In the first round he defeated John Sefcik, 12 handicap, 5 up. He went 20 holes before overtaking Ed Morrison and a 10 handicap in the second round.

Kennedy, 8 handicap, dropped out on the 18th green in the quarterfinals, and J. B. "Bert" Streeter, Johnstown golfer with a 13 handicap, carried Dick to the 18th before yielding. Two of the finest rounds of the tournament were turned in by Streeter, one of the seniors of the club. He was in the low 80's on both occasions.

Smith and Wilson were not the only golfers seated at the dinner (attended by approximately 50 club members. Jean McCaffrey, Johnstown, received a trophy for her victory this season in the club championship tourney for women, and her father, President McCaffrey, received recognition for his triumph in the 72-hole medal play handicap tournament with a 287. Miss McCaffrey was low woman in the tourney her father won.

### Women Gain Credit

Manly also was accorded the Nick Stoner women's team which placed third in the Mohawk Valley club league championship at Onarga during the last week. The team won the championship the previous season. Members of this year's team included Dorothy Leavitt, Catherine Evans, Pauline Lee and Mabel Wilson.

Miss McCaffrey sang two selections at the dinner to the great appreciation by her mother, members and the Nick Stoner club.

At another meetably meeting Sunday night, President McCaffrey and the 1941 slate of officers were re-elected. Methods of improving the course for the 1942 season were discussed with Professional Chemist Fred.

At a meeting of the women's team.

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SEPTEMBER 2, 1941

# McCaffrey Re-Elected President Of the Nick Stoner Golf Club, Cups Awarded at Annual Dinner

By HEN

The holiday weekend was a busy one for members of the Nick Stoner Golf club at Wheelerville, combining the finals in the club handicap tournament for the Nick Stoner Inn trophy; annual banquet and the yearly business meeting.

The annual banquet was held Saturday night at the Nick Stoner Inn with about fifty present. President Albert H. McCaffrey of Johnstown presided.

After dinner, three cups were presented to winners of eight tournaments held during the 1941 season. Francis Smith of Gloversville was awarded cups for the two tournaments held for men, and Miss Jean McCaffrey, daughter of the president, the women's trophy.

The annual business meeting was held Sunday night at the clubhouse, when officers for the year were elected, a buffet supper served and several suggestions discussed for improving the course and playing conditions. A number of new members were received.

The following officers were elected—

President—Albert H. McCaffrey, Johnstown

Vice-President—Mrs. Martha Wagner, Caroga Lake and Long Island.

Treasurer—Channing Floyd, Caroga Lake.

Secretary—William L. Kennedy, Jr., Johnstown.

Board of Governors—Bert H. Brower, Canajoharie; William F. Dean, Gloversville; James A. Green, Dolgerille; Mrs. Henry G. Palmer, Johnstown; Burt Keller, Fort Plain; Edward Mochrie, Schenectady; Vincent Norris, Canajoharie; J. Burton Stroeter, Johnstown; Mrs. Howard Moray, Caroga Lake.

The slate was proposed by the following Nominating Committee: Mrs. William F. Dean, Gloversville; Mrs. Forrest P. Gates, Johnstown; Mrs. Dorothy Leavitt, Schenectady; Dr. Austin Hogan, Johnstown; Walter C. Sporenberg, Johnstown.

The officers were renamed with the exception of the vice-president who succeeds Mrs. Mabel Wilson of Gloversville.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1941

# Fran Smith is Durey Cup Winner of '41

## Gloversvillian Beat Williamson in Semi- Final and Then Turned Back Cross in Finale

After trimming last year's champion in the semi-final round on the Nick Stoner golf course, Saturday afternoon, Francis Smith of Gloverville continued his good golf play yesterday on the Caroga Lake course and whipped the other semi-finalist, Loren Cross one up to win the Cyrus Durey cup for 1941.

The final match was played before a good sized crowd of enthusiasts who saw both golfers battle tooth and nail all the way. Smith the new champ who takes his second leg on the Durey cup, led all the way, finishing the first round with 38 to Cross' 37 and taking the match on the eighteenth. On the final round, Cross slipped to 41 while Smith held on with a nifty 38.

Smith won his right to enter the finals when he defeated Williamson, the title defender Saturday. Had Williamson won the event this year he would have retired the Durey cup since he already has two legs on it. Cross won his way to the final contest by defeating Richard Wilson, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1946

## New Owners Open Nick Stoner Inn May 18

After having been closed for three years, due to war conditions, Nick Stoner Inn at Canada Lake, will reopen for the season on Saturday, May 18. The inn will be conducted by Theodore Luther, of Chicago and Kerwin von Hoff of this city, who purchased the property from O. E. Busch and Harry von Hoff, about two years ago.

Mr. Luther recently returned after serving for two and one-half years in the United States Navy, and Mr. Von Hoff was discharged several months ago, after serving for three years in the Army.

The new partners said that dancing parties will be held each Saturday night, and the inn will cater to dinner parties and banquets. The golf course is already in action under the direction of Bob Ray, club pro.

APRIL 26, 1943

# Golf Course at Lake Opens Sat.

## Larry Vidulich Is Engaged as Pro, Succeeding Channing Floyd

Golfers of Johnstown and Clearsville, will be interested in the announcement that the Nick Skoper course at Wheelerville, in the northern lake section, will be formally opened for the 1943 season on Saturday of this week, April 25.

Announcement was made this morning by Supervisor Howard Mery of the Town of Caroga.

The course is in good condition, he said, and while golfing has been necessarily reduced to a considerable extent during the war because of gas rationing, boys in service, etc., prospects for the season are good.

As previously announced, Larry Vidulich has been engaged as golf pro, succeeding Channing Floyd who was obliged to give up this position because of his health.

Vidulich was formerly connected with courses of the Amsterdam Ailers club, Cedar Lake and Chileskill and is well known in golfing circles.

**Max Fowler Runner-Up  
In Golf Tournament at  
Nick Stoner Club Links**

Fran Smith, Gloversville, amateur golfer nosed out Max Fowler of this village, 6 and 5, recently to become the first man to win the Nick Stoner Golf club championship three times. Smith's victory retires the **Cyrus Durey cup**, which has been in circulation for a number of years. The matches, of course, were played on the Nick Stoner links, town of Caroga.

Twice before Smith won the trophy and held possession of it during the winter months, but his third victory gives it to him permanently.

Smith was a finalist in the Fulton county amateur championship in August. He had to be at his best to beat the St. Johnsville man and a medal score of 72, one over par, for the 18.

The winner had a two under par 34 on the first nine holes, against Fowler's 37, to hold a two hole margin at the turn. The champion continued to apply the pressure on the second nine, and on the first four holes, to close out the match quickly.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1947

# SMITH GAINS STONER FINALS FOE UNDECIDED

Fran Smith, runner-up in the 1947 Fulton county amateur championship and two-time titleholder at Caroga Lake, has battled his way into the finals of this year's Nick Stoner club championship with a 19th-hole decision over Carmen Ruggiero, also of Gloversville. He is biding his time until the other bracket, now deadlocked in the quarterfinals, is completed.

It is likely that his opponent in the final round will be either Hal Schumacher, former New York Giant hurling ace who resides in Dolgeville, or Max Fowler, of St. Johnsville, a quarterfinalist in the county amateur last month. Fowler has reached the semi-finals with a 2-1 victory over Jake Ruller of Gloversville, while Schumacher must beat Ben Strevey of Johnstown to get a chance to tee off against the St. Johnsville shot-maker.

## Complication Resulted

John Williamson, of Norwood, Mass., also a two-time winner of the Cyrus Durey cup, defeated L. B. Fincke, a summer visitor to Caroga Lake, 7 and 6, in the bracket opposite Schumacher and Strevey and as he had to return to his Massachusetts home, decided to play Schumacher before Hal's other match was decided. Hal defeated Williamson, 2 up, so a victory over Strevey now will place him in the semi-finals with Fowler.

And, of course, Bob Ray, club professional and director of the tourney, will run into further complications in the event Strevey beats Schumacher, as that would necessitate Strevey playing Williamson, with the winner meeting Fowler in the semi-finals.

Smith had a narrow escape in the semi-finals, Ruggiero throwing a 34 at him on the outgoing nine to lead three up at the turn. Smith rallied and evened the match on the 18th. On the 19th Ruggiero hooked his drive and was unable to recover sufficiently, losing the hole to Smith's par.

## Chance to Retire Cup

Smith reached the quarterfinals by defeating Dan Nadler, Amsterdam, 2 and 1, and then defeated H. A. Devendorf, St. Johnsville mayor, 2 and 1. Devendorf had defeated Arnold Henry of Gloversville, 1 up, to reach the quarterfinals.

In his two previous matches Ruggiero had won from Norval Stearns, Gloversville, by default, and then gained a 7-6 edge over Vincent Norris of Canajoharie, who had won from Bill Squires of Johnstown, 5 and 4.

Fowler entered the semi-finals by defeating Ruller of Gloversville, after winning by default from Bob Crouse, also of Gloversville. Ruller reached the quarterfinals by defeating Dr. K. W. Barney, Brooklyn, 1 up.

Smith is the only contender left in the tourney with a chance to retire the trophy this year. The only other two-time winners are Williamson and Norris.

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## NICK STONER GOLF PLAY OPENS TODAY

Bob Flay, pro at the Nick Stoner Golf Club, will open his fourth season there tomorrow morning, when the club will open. The golf course, according to officials, is in much better condition than in a number of years.

The weather during the past few weeks dried out the greater part of the course. The grass on the greens weathered the Winter much better than in previous years.

Plans are being outlined for a number of tournaments to be held during the coming season. William Kennedy Jr., Johnstown, is club champion, having won the honors during the latter part of the 1948 season. Herbert Young, Gloversville, holds the Nick Stoner Inn trophy.

## THE LEADER-REPUBLICAN,

APRIL 2, 1933

### **A Popular Guy Leaves the Profession**

While on the subject of golf, one must note with regret the retirement of Bob Ray, Nick Stoner professional the last five years. Bob took over from Chan at Caroga Lake and became popular with the many golfers who play the 18-hole layout. And don't let anyone tell you that it isn't a king-sized job handling Nick Stoner affairs, particularly on those jammed weekends.

Bob is a good teacher and would have been in the winner's circle quite frequently in Northeastern New York PGA tournaments if he had had sufficient time to practice and to participate in the regular Monday affairs. He hit a good ball, one of the longest of the area, but now believes that his golf "will be restricted to some apple orchard."

MAY 4, 1931

## Youngest Farina Pro for Caroga

Guy, youngest of three golfing Farina brothers, doesn't have to take a back seat to Armand and Jim, widely-known Schenectady pros now. Guy was recently named pro at Nick Stoner golf club, Caroga Lake. Armand is professional at Schenectady Muny and Jim, a member of the fire department, is one of the North-eastern New York PGA's leading tournament players. Guy formerly was assistant at Edison and Schenectady Muny.

JULY 31, 1952

**Co-Proprietor of Nick Stoner  
Inn Died Sunday**

Theodore Luther, well known co-proprietor of the Nick Stoner Inn at Wheelerville, passed away in the Nathan Littauer hospital, Gloversville at 7:10 Sunday morning after suffering a sudden heart attack at the inn Saturday night at about 10:30. His age was 45.

In 1946 he came to Wheelerville as a partner of Kerwin Von Hoff in the operation of the Nick Stoner Inn. Next year Willard Bennett of Gloversville purchased a one-third interest in the business and Mr. Von Hoff retired. In 1948 Mr. Bennett sold his interest to Paul Stoppe who has operated the inn, together with Mr. Luther, ever since.

Mr. Luther was known and liked by many friends and patrons in the West End.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1961

# Channing Floyd, Dean Of Golf Professionals In Eastern N.Y., Dies



Channing Floyd

Channing Floyd, a golf professional for 54 years this month and the teacher of thousands of enthusiasts over a long period of years in Fulton County, died at 4:30 this morning in Littauer Hospital after a lingering illness. He would have been 79 on Dec. 24.

Death overtook Fulton County's "Mr. Golf" virtually on the eve of a tournament to be conducted at Kingsboro Sunday in his honor. The committee this morning was furthering plans to go ahead with the event for professionals and amateurs with the only difference being that it will be a memorial instead of a testimonial affair.

Most of the veteran teacher's career had been spent at three Fulton County courses—Sacandaga, Nick Stoner at Caroga Lake, and Kingsboro—in that order. The main interruption was five years as professional, after World War I, at the Cobleskill Country Club. He was the dean of golf professionals in Eastern New York.

Like many of his fellow professionals who have devoted a lifetime to the game, Chan started as a caddie at the Washington Park Club in his native Chicago. One of the highpoints of his career came in 1954 when he was awarded a life membership in the Professional Golf Association, effective that Oct. 1.

### Won Major Tournaments

He left Chicago when a young man and participated in some of the leading amateur golf tournaments in the New York City area. He won the Greater New York championship, which today could be compared to the state-wide tournament, in 1906 and 1907 and in the latter year added the Pelham Bay public links title and the Westchester County crown to his laurels. It was after those successes that he decided to turn professional.

He served as professional at Passaic, N.J., for three years and in the metropolitan New York area at what are today some of the leading golf courses in the country.

Chan came to Fulton County prior to World War I and served for 15 years as professional at Sacandaga Park. From there he went to Nick Stoner at Caroga Lake for a tenure of 16 years. In 1946 he was instructor at Kingsboro and then went to the Cobleskill Country Club for a 5-year stint.

In 1952 he was back at Sacandaga Park for a season and that was followed by service as a teaching professional at Kingsboro. Because of declining health he did not give any lessons this year. Lawrence Mattei, professional and owner of the Kingsboro club, substituted for

him at Gloversville Recreation Commission classes.

A fine player with a short, snappy swing which brought uncanny accuracy to overcome any lack of distance, Chan had set a number of course records: His 66 at Nick Stoner was low at the time he shot it as was his 69 at Sacandaga Park. His 71 at the Sir William Johnson Club, now Pine Brook, was the best score there at the time he scored it. A brother, Jimmy, now deceased, was professional at the South End course at the time.

The number of golf lessons Chan gave during his 54 years is unknown. Besides regular instruction at the clubs with which he was associated, he gave lessons for a number of winters in Gloversville, Schenectady and other places at special clinics which he set up.

### Varied Career

Chan also was an author, a designer of courses, an inventor, and a champion billiard player.

He wrote a book called "The Little Golf Teacher" and had contributed numerous items to various newspapers including The Leader-Herald and its predecessors.

He designed at least eight golf courses including the Champlain Country Club, Lake Pleasant, the second nine at Nick Stoner, Arcady Country Club in Lake George, and the Homer Folks Hospital course in Oneonta.

His inventions included a combined putter and cigaret lighter, a washing machine which both cleans and dries the golf ball, and "bulldog spoon" — a snub-nose wood which substituted for what was known as a cleek. It was for close lies.

A couple of years ago he was awarded an honorary membership in the Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Among his titles gained in billiards was that in a tournament in Passaic, N.J. He played from scratch.

During the last 15 years his career was threatened a couple of times by illness. He contracted tuberculosis and later suffered a heart attack. He bounced back both times and continued to teach and to play golf.

Besides his affiliation with golf groups, he was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Elks Club.

His wife, Lillian, died in August, 1959.

He resided at 69 Fremont Street.

Surviving are a nephew, James Floyd, and a niece, Mrs. Catherine Strenaowski, both of Beacon.

# New Shaker Course Short, but Tough

By BEN DANFORTH

Northeastern New York PGA members, who have been used to competing on long, difficult courses, found the par 33 nine at Shaker Ridge harder than it looked.

Only four of the two money players who helped George Ramsden and Alex Perle formally dedicate the short course yesterday were able to break regulation figures on the 2,326 yard layout which has been under construction for five years.

**Guy Farina**, 43, of Caroga Lake, youngest of three pros in the Farina family, out two strokes off par on his first trip over the Ridge layout and equalled the card the second time for a two-under 64 to capture the event.

However, he had to share the spotlight with Claude Young, Winding Brook pro, who won the special prize for the best nine hole card of the day, a three-under 30. Young, who turned in his record performance his second time around the layout, had a four-over par 37 for his first trip and wound up with a 67 to deadlock with Art Patton of Valley View, Hoosick Falls, in second place.

The only other entrants who conquered par were John Kellar of Berkshire Hills, who had a one-under 32 after a first round 36, and Frank Misarti of Cobleskill, who also carded 32 following a 38.

**Guy Farina**, the Caroga Lake player, who is the brother of Armand, Schenectady Municipal pro, and Jimmy, Ballston Spa pro, three-putted the par four second hole and the par three fifth for his only bogies the first time around. He birdied the third, the eighth, and the ninth. On his second trip, he bogied the fourth and eighth, but bagged birdies at the first and the fifth.

In setting the record of 30, Young parred six holes and birdied the third, the fourth, and the eighth.

Armand Farina, several times district PGA champion, tied Kellar for fourth place at 68,

## Golf Roundup

while Johnny Gaucas, Van Schaick; Jimmy Murray, Amsterdam Municipal; Scotty Robertson, Wiltwyck, and Tom Creavy, Saratoga Spa, former National PGA champion, were bracketed at 69.

The short Ridge course, planned by Perle, long-time greens' chairman at the Ridge, and Ramsden, was built inside the regular layout. It is expected to alleviate considerable congestion on the big course by providing a place for women and children to play.

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## Junior Golfers To Be Selected

Golfers to represent the Albany Area in the New York State Junior Chamber of Commerce golf championship at Auburn, July 24, will be selected Monday at Normanside Country Club.

All players under 18 years of age are eligible for the 18-hole qualifying round. Entries—attested by parent or guardian—should be mailed to Herbert Moreland, 89 Winne St., Albany. Blanks may be obtained at Normanside C. C.

The winner and runnerup in the Normanside test will be eligible for the state meet. State champions will vie in the 19th annual International Jaycee tourney at St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 3-8.

The Northeastern New York PGA will join with the Junior Chamber in sponsoring a clinic for the juniors at Normanside, Friday. Charles Paris, Normanside pro, will direct the program.

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## Jim Williams Event at Munny

The Jim Williams Pick Your Partner Best-Ball golf event

will be held at the city course Saturday and Sunday. The meet is run off annually in memory of the late Albany motorcycle policeman who helped promote golf in this section for many years.

Qualifying play for the 36-hole match play event has been completed with three teams tied for medal honors at 66. The teams comprise Mike Bloom and Harold Menchel, Charles Murphy and Mike Daniels and Howard Schulman and Bob Bruno.

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## District Champs To Defend Titles

Two of the three champions crowned in the Eastern New York Golf Association meet last year will defend the titles as the annual event run off this weekend at Mechanicville Golf Club. Play is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Howard Derrick of Antler** will seek another leg on the Class A Dwight B. LaDu trophy. He defeated Jackie Moynihan of Troy in the final at Van Schaick Island last year.

Ralph Signoracci Jr., Mechanicville will attempt to retain his Class B crown, but a new king will be named in Class C. Faust D'Andrea of Northern Pines, who captured honors in the division in the 1963 meet, has moved up to the B division.

The meet is open to all players from the 38 ENYG member clubs in Eastern New York, Vermont and Western Massachusetts.

The entire field will play an 18-hole medal play qualifying round Friday. Match play is listed for Saturday and Sunday.

The deadline for those wishing preferred starting times is Wednesday but entries will be accepted until Friday. Entries should be sent to Eugene Fitzpatrick, ENYGA, at 51 Benson St., Albany, or to Mechanicville Golf Club.

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# Purchases Land for Additional 9 Holes At Stoner; State Okays Ski Tow Project; Plans Up to Voters

Town of Caroga officials are working on two proposed projects to expand the Town's recreation facilities for Glove Cities area residents and tourists.

The projects are the expanding of Nick Stoner Golf Club, Wheelerville, from 18 to 27 and purchasing of Royal Mt. Ski Tow, located on Caroga Lake-Johnstown road.

Approximate cost of the two projects is some \$275,000.

Charlie Putman, supervisor of Town of Caroga, reported the Town has purchased some 100 acres of land adjoining the Nick Stoner Club.

"Those parcels," Supervisor Putman revealed, involved \$7,000. The state has paid 75 per cent and the Town of Caroga paid the remaining 25 per cent out of receipts from the golf course."

The estimated cost of constructing the proposed additional nine holes to the Wheelerville site is some \$135,000.

The newly purchased property adjoins holes one and two, facing Caroga Lake areas. Should the project be approved, the first nine holes will be expanded to 18 holes and the current second nine, located across the Caroga-Canada Lake highway, will become the third nine.

Town of Caroga constructed its first 9-hole course in 1927 and added the second nine in the late 30's.

The Royal Mt. Ski Slopes, comprising 177 acres of land, with 1,100 feet of road front, can be purchased for \$140,000, with the state, under the Land Acquisition Act paying 75 per cent of the cost.

The ski tow property includes some 70 acres of land, owned by Don Curtis, Johnstown.

The proposed purchase of the ski tow by the Town of Caroga has been approved by the State Conservation Department, Putman said.

The state will pay \$101,250 towards the purchasing of the ski tow. The remaining approximate \$39,000 will have to be paid by the Town of Caroga.

"Should the Township disapprove of the purchasing of the ski tow, then the state will use the \$101,250 towards some other project submitted and approved by other communities, the supervisor added.

Before the Township can construct an additional nine holes to the golf course and purchase the ski tow, the projects must be approved by voters either at the general November election or a special election, Putman said.

Should the projects be approved, then a bond will be issued for the projects.

Both programs, the supervisor reported, will be self-supporting and will not be supported by tax funds.

The ski tow, owned and operated by Fred Saunders, Johnstown, has been host to Section 2 High School Tournament, Ahearn Memorial Tournament and the Slalom Tournament.

The latter two events, both over a 2-day period, attract some of the best skiers in Eastern States.

# Falling Leaves Tournament on Oct. 6

The Ninth Annual Falling Leaves Amateur Tournament will be held at Nick Stoner Course on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The 1-day tourney, rated as one of the best for upstate amateur golfers, is sponsored by the Fulton County Auto Dealers Association.

Prizes, amounting to \$1,000, will be distributed to winners in the two divisions.

Guy Farina, host club pro, reported the field will be limited to 125 entries. It will be first

come, first served on registration for players planning to compete in the tourney.

Deadline for submitting application and \$8 entry fee at Nick Stoner Club is Friday, Sept. 29.

The entry fee includes a buffet luncheon to be served at Nick Stoner Inn, Farina said.

Entry blank and fee are to be forwarded to **Falling Leaves Tournament**, Caroga Lake. Entry blanks will be available soon at area golf clubs.

Tony Maragno, Gloversville,

one of the eight contenders for the '68 Fulton County Amateur Golf title, is the defending champion. Maragno won the crown on the third extra hole after finishing the tourney in a 3-way tie for the title.

Dick Boris, Utica, won the **Handicap Division** title in the '68 **Falling Leaves Tournament**.

Tee-off time for the 18-hole Oct. 6 classic has been designated between 8 in the morning and 12 noon.

Golfers having a handicap of

six or under will be competing in the Scratch Division. The Handicap Division is for players having allowances over six.

Winner of the Scratch Division will receive an attractive trophy and \$100. The runnerup will also be presented a \$100 prize.

Other prizes in the Scratch Division are third place finish, \$75, fourth spot, \$50; fifth, \$40, sixth, \$30; seventh, \$20; eighth through 11th, each \$15; 12th through 17th, each \$10, and 18th

through 20th, each \$5.

Winner of the Handicap Division will receive a trophy and \$80.

Other awards in the latter group are second place finish, \$60; third spot, \$50; fourth, \$40; fifth, \$30; sixth, \$25; seventh, \$20; eighth through 10th, each \$15; 11th through 20th, each \$10.

In case of ties, contestants will split prizes and play for the trophy.

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# Nick Stoner Golf Tourney Set Oct. 5

The 10th annual Nick Stoner Falling Leaves golf tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Nick Stoner Golf Club in Caroga Lake, club pro Guy Farina announced.

It will be an 18-hole medal play tourney with the field divided into two divisions. The Scratch Flight will be limited to players with handicaps up to and including six and the handicap division will be for players with handicaps of more than six.

The first 20 top scorers in each division will share in the \$1,000 prize money. First place in the Scratch flight will be \$100 and \$80 in the Handicap.

Players may tee off any time between 8 a.m. to noon. Pairings will be made prior to teeing off. Entries close Sept. 29. Entry fee is \$8 which includes a buffet dinner to be held at the Nick Stoner Inn at 7 p.m. when all awards will be made.

Entries must be sent to Guy Farina at the Nick Stoner Golf Club in Caroga Lake.

# Attorney was big player in creation of golf course

Last summer, I received a most welcome invitation to join Mrs. Marguerite Dennison Fincke and her son, Dudley Dennison (Dennis) Fincke, at their summer home on the Irving Pond Road bordering the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course.

There, I was treated with a firsthand account of the early development of both the Caroga area and the golf course itself by the Finckes. Mrs. Fincke possesses a keen mind and remarkable memory of the illustrious Cyrus Durey and her father's handling of Durey's legal affairs both while Durey was alive and after his death on Jan. 4, 1933.

His father was Alfred Durey Dennison, Cyrus Durey's personal

and business attorney.

Cyrus Durey, born in Caroga in 1864, was one of the most influential men of his time in not only the Caroga area but also in Fulton County, Albany and the Congress of the United States.

He served two terms as a representative from his 25th New York Congressional District. He was Caroga's county supervisor, head of the county Republican Party and served in various town and state positions. Throughout his active political career, he assumed a forerunnership in speculation and the lumber business.

He was president of the Durey Land and Lumber Co., which owned much of the timber land around Caroga, Canada and Pine

## Tales of Yesterday

By William Lovell  
Fulton County Historian



lakes.

Throughout Cy Durey's activities, Alfred Dennison Johnston remained the only attorney but also his close friend and personal adviser.

In about 1922, Cy Durey always a progressive thinker, developed some of the land holdings on the east side of the Wheelerville Road as an airport for his aerial sightseeing business, which offered paying passengers a remarkable view of the Adirondack lakes. Business proved to be slow, however, so he had to make a decision whether to continue the lagging business or use the land for another, more productive purpose. He was leaning toward developing a recreational park, but Sherman's was already in operation at Caroga Lake.

At this point, Attorney Dennison offered a new idea and vehemently argued for converting the airport into a golf course so as to provide a greater recreational facility for more people. Durey was not at all sure he should pursue this idea, but Dennison persevered in his advice and Durey finally agreed to donate the land to the town of Caroga for the first nine holes of what was eventually to become the oldest continuously-operated 18-hole golf course in the Adirondacks. Durey salvaged some of his original argument for a park when the course was named the Caroga Recreation Park.

The first six holes were completed and put into use in 1925, and the last six, 1925. Leader offered a glowing article about "Cy Durey's gift to the town of Caroga." Here

seven, eight and nine were completed in 1926. At that time, fees were first collected for golf play.

Barbara McMarran's excellent book "Caroga — An Adirondack Town Recalls Its Past" (1998) gives much more detail on this subject than I have space for here, and gives the reader a humorous picture of early problems and obstacles such as hay growing on the golf course, deer pens on the course, unwelcome boarders and holes, plus the antics of players very unfamiliar with the rules of golf.

Many of the buildings were removed by the WPA in the 1930s.

For a few years after the opening, the golf course was not run by the town of Caroga but by a group of five directors designated by and including Alfred Dennison. It was a tribute to their management and to the later management by the town that the course was never closed during those early days, even during very lean times.

The second nine holes of the course were completed on land owned and reserved for the project by Cyrus Durey on the west side of the road in 1929.

On Aug. 21, 1929, a large crowd of dignitaries, which included Cyrus Durey, Lucius Linauer, author Robert W. Chambers, Alfred Dennison (and his young daughter, Marguerite) and many others assembled on the golf course to honor the memory of Nick Stoner by placing the now-famous bronze statue of him facing Caroga Lake, where his early farm was located. After this dedication, the golf course name was changed

from Caroga Recreation Park to the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course, and the town of Caroga took over its operation.

Cy Durey died on Jan. 4, 1933, and at this time, Alfred Dennison would take over the decision-making task as executor for the settlement of his estate. Cy Durey had never married, so there were no children or a spouse involved.

In 1934, Attorney Dennison and the town negotiated a long-delayed settlement for the Durey land on the west side of the road. Alfred Dennison agreed completely with the town that a full 18 holes were needed for a successful municipal golf course, and amicably completed the deed and sold the land on which the second nine holes had already been built for a token \$650, which the town of Caroga then paid the Durey estate.

Also in 1934, three remained only two parcels of Durey Estate property to be liquidated. The parcels were a beautiful piece of property adjacent to the golf course and nestled in tall, virgin pines, and the island called Nick Stoner Island on Canada Lake in the town of Caroga.

The first property included a building called by many "the little red house on the hill," which had been built in 1865 and used for the home of the manager of the Wheeler-Claflin & Co., which had for many years been one of the area's largest tanneries and was located in Wheelerville. This and other Wheeler-Claflin properties were bought by Cy Durey after the tannery folded and became part of the Durey Land & Lumber Co. property. In 1934, this building, which had also at times been a boarding house for the employees of the tannery, was abandoned, and Executor Dennison could not sell it because of deterioration and abuse. No one wanted it.

Marguerite Dennison, one of the early members of the golf club, had become engaged in 1934 to Luther P. Fincke and, while playing a round of golf with her father and others one day, passed next to

the building on the hill and playfully suggested that her father buy the home from the Durey estate for her as a wedding gift.

Needless to say, she was amazed and overjoyed when her father did just that, thereby providing both her and her future husband the summer home, which they treasured together for 50 1/2 years. The house was totally rehabilitated and has been affectionately called both "Pine Knot" and "The Little Red House on the Hill" ever since.

The second and last parcel that was still unsold was, as I said, Nick Stoner Island. When this came up for auction in 1953, Alfred Dennison personally won the bid with an offer of \$24,72, and the property was his. In less than 24 hours, however, he decided the island to the Canada Lake Protective Association, of which he was a founding member and president, because in his words, "the island should belong to everyone on the lake."

This is the story of what one man of wealth and property and his friend and cooperator accomplished jointly in their efforts to share some of that land with the people of the town of Caroga for their betterment and the betterment of future generations. Much has been written and recorded as a tribute to Cyrus Durey, the benefactor, but to date, Alfred Dennison, the man who had the original vision of what today is a major recreational jewel of Fulton County, has had no tributes, recognition or accolades come his way.

How appropriate it would be if he could be recognized for his efforts on behalf of the town with some form of recognition such as a plaque placed in a highly visible and appropriate location, such as the first tee of the Municipal Golf Course, which he played such a key part in obtaining for the people of Caroga. I firmly believe he deserves at least this recognition.

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